

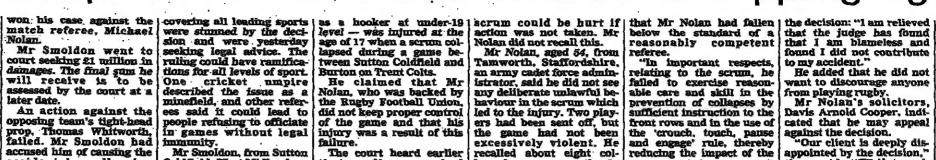
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Shock waves rever-berated through the sporting world yester-day after a precedent-setting High Court rains that held a rugby referee res-ponsible for the paralysis of a player through his fail-ure to control a match. In the first ruling of its kind, the player, Ben Smol-

don - who has been a tetraplegic since being injured s during a match in 1991 —



accident by collapsing scrums deliberately. Referees' associations promising player who ad represented his county

were stunned by the deci-sion and were yesterday seeking legal advice. The ruling could have ramifica-tions for all levels of sport. One cricket umpire described the issue as a minefield, and other refer-ees said it could lead to people refusing to officiate in games without legal immunity. Mr Smoldon, from Sutton lapsed during a game be-tween Sutton Coldifield and Burton on Trent Colts. He claimed that Mr Nolan, who was backed by the Rugby Football Union, did not keep proper control of the game and that his Mr Smoldon, from Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands -

injury was a result of this failure. The court heard earlier that a linesman had warned Mr Nolan that those in the front row of the eferee

Mr Nolan, aged 54, from Tamworth, Staffordshire, an army cadet force admin-istrator, said he did not see any deliberate unlawful be-haviour in the scrum which led to the injury. Two play-ers had been sent off, but the game had not been excessively violent. He would obsert cicht col that the judge has found that I am blameless and found I did not contribute to my accident."

"In important respects relating to the scrum, he failed to exercise reason-able care and skill in the prevention of collapses by He added that he did not want to discourage anyone sufficient instruction to the front rows and in the use of

implication which this dec sion has for referreing in sport in general needs to be

sport in general needs to be carefully considered." Spokesmen for the Rugby Football Union and Foot-ball Association referees would not comment, saying they had not yet studied the transcript of the case, but the decision has alrendy reverberated around the sporting world. There are implications for cricket

umpires, football referees and boxing referees who do not intervene early enough

from playing rugby. Mr Nolan's solicitors, Davis Arnold Cooper, indi-cated that be may appeal the 'crouch, touch, pause and engage' rule, thereby reducing the impact of the engagement to an accept-able level," said the judge. Mr Smoldon said after against the decision. "Our client is deeply dis-appointed by the decision," they said. "Whilst each case of this nature turns on

recalled about eight col-lapsed scrums, not the 25 alleged in court. Mr Justice Curtis agreed its own particular facts, the





Israel seeks rescue by U

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David Hirst in Beirut and Jonathan Freedla

> SRAELI leaders were desperately hoping last night that United States-led diplomacy would come to their rescue at the weekend

to produce a face-saving for-mula allowing them to suemula allowing them to sus-pend their ill-fated assault on Lebanon.

Hostilities continued yes terday between Israeli forces and the Iranian-backed Hiz-bullah, but, with diplomatic initiatives gathering pace, hopes of a ceasefire rose.

Asked if an agreement to end hostilities could come within 24 to 48 hours, the Israeli prime minister, Shimor Peres, told Israeli television: "It's possible; it's not certain, but there is a chance."

but there is a chance." The Syrian foreign minis-ter, Farouq al-Shara, said he hoped a ceasefire would be ar-ranged "within hours and not days", while Lebanon's prime minister, Rafiq Hariri, said he, too, was optimistic, but added that it would probably take "four to five days". The foreign ministers of the

The foreign ministers of the US, Russia, France and Italy are to meet in Damascus today after a call by the Group of Seven major indus-trial countries and Moscow for an immediate ceasefire in

south Lebanon. The four are to try to co-

ordinate the implementation of any ceasefire.

The heady talk of a early end to the bloodshed reflects desperation rather than opti-mism. Israel is anxious to exricate itself from international opprobrium after Thursday's "accidental" shelling of a United Nations base crammed with refugees. Five shells landed in the

compound, manned by Fijian troops of the UN military force in Lebanon, Unifil, killing 101 civilians and wound-

But hope may be prema-ture. There still seems to be a wide gap between the Syrian, Lebanese and Hizbullah no tions of a ceasefire and the Israeli one.

Both Mr Hariri and the Hizhullah have made it clear that

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rasis were laying down, with US endorsement, in the early stages of their "Grapes of" Wrath" operation in Lebanon — emounting to the complete neutralisation of Hizbullah remain out of the question. Both insist on a virtual return to the status quo ante -- the US-brokered "understanding" that ended the last

hig flare-up in July 1983. Mr Hariri said any cease-fire could not cover Hizbullah OHN MAJOR and Presi-dent Boris Yeltsin (above) operations against Israeli go through the distant troops in occupied south Lebanon. Nor could the Lebanese government south Hizbullah so long 35 The Israelis remained in occupation in the south. That would amount to tion yesterday, after the Prime Minister's unhappy trip con-

tinued with a none too subtle hint to keep out of Russia's in-ternal affairs delivered during political suicide, he said. a terse meeting with the Com-munist leader Gennady Zyu-ganov, writes Andy McSmith in Moscow. A Hizbullah official stressed the need to return to the 1998 accord. Otherwise, "our rockets will be the best

reply", he said. He said Hiz-bullah's fighting capabilities had hardly been touched. Farmer unmoved by £10m windfall

Israeli aircraft and astillery hit targets in Lebanon yester-day, though at diminished intensity, while Hizbullah fight-ers fired more Ratyusha rockets into northern Israel. No serious injuries were

Recluse who spends his days fattening reported in Israel But Hizbul-lah admitted to their first cacalves for market says inheritance of sualties in the nine-day con-flict — three men killed in an air raid in the south.

Thursday's massacre has left the Clinton administra-Sarah Boseley tion in an acutely awkward position. Washington had previously avoided all criticist

of Operation Grapes of Wrath, with President Clinton eager to maintain his upprecedent edly strong support among Jewish voters. The president is also anxious not to undermine Mr Peres, who faces a close election contest in Israel

next month. .. But since the massacre, Mr Clinton has adjusted his posi-tion, calling for a ceasefire from "all parties". "All sides clearly want

one," a US source said yesterday, adding that Warren Christopher, the US secretary of state who is due in Damas-cus today, will not leave the

region until a ceasefire agreed.

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Britain

Awho rarely does more than pass the time of day with villagers who have lived alongside him for 30 years, became one of the country's most eligible bachelors yesterday on in-heriting nearly £10 million. But the odds on Richard Oatley, aged 58, rushing into marriage or even pop-ping a few champagne corks look thin. He would

RECLUSIVE farmer,

continue to work on the farm he loved, he said yesterday. "I couldn't walk away and leave the animals. They need to be cared for. But I don't want to give it up anyway." Mr Oatley was left £9,998,787, mostly in stocks

and shares, by the aunt who brought him up from the age of seven. Ida Maud Fussell, who died last Octo-

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brewing fortune will not change his life ber aged 88, had been the housekeeper, then wife, then widow of a brewing

then widow of a brewing magnate, Percy Fussell. He says he has no idea why he was brought up by the brewing family in the Somerset village of Rode. His own parents died, he said, within the last 25 years. "Ida and Percy treated me well and looked after me like I was their after me like I was their own son.

The rebuff undermined Mr Major's avowed instration it

presidential election in June

for which Mr Zyuganov is the

It is the second time in his

prief east European trip that

the Prime Minister's own

words have plunged him in into unexpected controversy. On Wednesday, during the

rontrunner.

"Ida died after she failed to recover from a hip replacement operation. miss her dearly. I loved her an awful lot." Some of the millions were

realised when the Fassell family's Cross Keys brewery, together with 56 pubs owned by the family, were sold to Bass in 1962. Mr Oatley claimed that

his inheritance was "a trewould make no difference to him. He did not intend to

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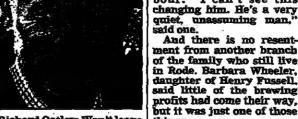
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Richard Oatley: Won't leave thin his beloved animals

"Although Ida's name was Fussell she only had maternal connections with trade up from his D-registered Ford Sapphire. "I suppose it's a bit like winning the lottery, but Fil still carry on with the farm and I might even still play

lionaire. If I wake up in the sation.

a war of words within the a range of Russian party and Conservative Party when he remarked that it would be "reckless and silly" to make radical cuts in public spend about — what he saw as the nt which John priorities in this country. Redwood, who challenged Mr Self-evidently, he does not be Major last year for the party leadership, took as a personal ieve these priorities concern anyone elsewhere "

The Prime Minister is in Moscow for two days for the Group of Eight (G8) summit of The Prime Minister met Mr On Wednesday, during the Zyuganov at a reception in Group of Eight (G8) summit of flight to Prague, he detonated the British embassy, to which the world's big economies.

He spends his days fatten-ing calves for market with the help of one part-time worker. BSE had made life difficult, he said, but things

Opinion in the village was that little would alter in the life of their neigh-

bour. "I can't see this

And there is no resent

ment from another branch of the family who still live

were getting better.

said one.

Mr Major declined to say if he was backing the Yeltsin During his one-hour talks with Mr Yeltsin, he promised campaign, saying: "It is not for anyone outside Russia to determine who should be presin extra 250 million for Britain's "know-how fund" to help Russia's transition to ident of Russia." capitalism



This year the Prague Writers' Festival, directed by Michael March, will once again showcase a selection of fine authors from around the world. Meet them at the Viola Theatre, Národní 7 (nearest metro Národní) from May 9-11. For more details call: 44 171 7134133

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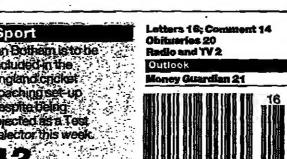
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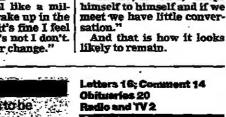
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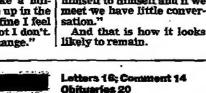
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Sport lan Botham is to be included in the England cricket coaching set-up despite Deing rejected as a Test

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the family and we saw her rarely. She married my uncle after 21 years of being his house-keeper and looked after him well when the lottery once in a while," he said. "I don't feel like a milhe was ill." Richard, she said, "keeps

2 CHRONICLE/NEWS Chechenia mars Russian Myth of **Jackie** O summit of world leaders falls

David Hearst in Moscow

RESIDENT Boris eltsin's plan to boost his re-election campaign with highlevel meetings with world leaders in Moscow for a nuclear summit, was floundering yesterday as Russia regisbe signed. tered its shock at its army's latest military disasters in Chechenia, and parliament

declared a day of mourning. To add to Mr Yeltsin's problems, the International Monetary Fund (TMF) threatened to withhold this month's tranche of \$340 million (about cm6 million) worth of aid unless Russia keeps a promise to halve export tax on oil. The

David Brindle, Social

Services Correspondent

"HE Royal College of Nursing, which is seek-

ing a judicial review of a

decision to restore a con-victed rapist to the nurses' register, tried to stop him being struck off in the first

place. The RCN's apparently ambivalent stance, which it

admits reflects the tensions of

its dual role as trade union

and professional association, emerged through scrutiny of the official transcript of the 1986 hearing at which Yuen

How Choy was struck off. The

transcript also reveals that Mr Choy had not only been

convicted of raping a former

patient, and of of giving a pa-tient a sedative in order to

have sex with her, but had been investigated by police

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from within the annual budkilled since Mr Yeltsin deget his populist election pledges to increase public clared a unilaterial ceasefire two weeks ago. spending, Mr Yeltsin offered condo-The IMF's threat drew a

lences to the families of the dead yesterday, but it was clear that the army was in a state of revolt about his peace hasty promise from Sergei Dubinin the chairman of the central bank, that the decree halving oil export tax would plan, which is now in tatters. Even the proposed mediator, But the war in Chechenia Tatarstan's leader, Mintimer Shaimiyev, said he would not cast the deepest shadow. The defence minister, General Pastart talks with the separatist vel Grachev, offered to resign leader, Dzhokhar Dudayev,

until fighting stopped. before a parliament stunned Foreign leaders arriving for today's one-day summit on nuclear issues tried hard to by the news of a rebel attack on a federal motorcade that left 53 soldiers dead and 52 wounded. Six more soldiers back the Russian president without appearing to inter-vene in domestic politics. died yesterday in a clash with Chechen rebels. Gen Grachey Germany's Helmut Kohl said that 192

under IMF wants Mr Yeltsin to fund (Russian soldiers had been (said that he was interested in the success of reforms and saw Mr Yeltsin as the guarantor of their continuation. The Prime Minister, John Major,

said it would be "imperti-nent" to express a preference, but he wished to see the reform programme go ahead. The Japanese prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, announced a new initative to revive talks with Russia over the disputed ownership of the south Kurile islands. President Clinton paid his

respects to the victims of the second world war siege of Leningrad in Piskaryovskoye cemetery. The summit will tackle

issues of nuclear security and

hammer Edward Helmore in New York ORTY THOUSAND

people are expected to make the pilgrimage to Sotheby's in New York in the next four days to view what may be the sale of the century some 5,500 items belonging to the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Previewers have been choen by lottery from among 73,000 purchasers of the \$90 (£60) catalogue, with the lucky ones being admitted only for one hour.

For Americans, the sale is much more than an estate sale of a society lady's furniture, books, pictures and trinkets. The possessions of Jackie O have acquired a tal-ismanic power that promises to bestow on their new owner years' jail, 12 months of the aura of grace that she was

which was suspended. When Mr Choy was last felt to have held. It has become an auction of month restored to the register uperlatives. Commentators by another committee, only gush about the sale of America's lost innocence, and the United States coming to terms with Jackie O's departure. "For America, she was such a mythological figure," David Redden, vice-president of Sotheby's in New York, said. "You have to under stand this viscerally, and why she so inspired with her dignity under such tragic circumstances Most of the objects are in

themselves unremarkable. Coolly impersonal, they give little away. Mr Redden said: "To look at this as a significant collection of objects is to miss the point. This is the material with which Mrs Onassis lived. That is why it has so

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When the auction begins in bing for as a child in a photo-earnest on Tuesday, there graph from 1962 — estimated will be 90 people handling at only \$500-\$700; one of John telephone bids, and extra staff Kennedy's rocking chairs; a

couple of his golf bags and a light which once stood in the White House sitting room. Robert Lacey, the biogra-pher of Britain's royal family, said: "It is a charming collec-tion in its own right, but it is impossible to separate the oblects from their owner.

Television and radio - Sunday

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'Rapist nurse' backed by RCN over two other sex incidents. | chiatric nurse, was first con- | her to her bedroom and raped One alleged incident was said | victed in 1973 of stealing a | her. He was sentenced to two by police to have involved a patient with a learning dis-ability, the other an alleged sedative and of administer ing it to a woman patient to enable him to have inter-

indecent assault on a woman course with her. He was given two years' probation. Police said that when As a result of that convic-Interviewed, Mr Choy had tion, the former General described himself as "a randy | Nursing Council placed Mr

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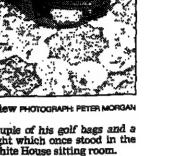
little bugger". The decision last month to restore Mr Choy Choy on a year's "postponed judgment", after which he was cautioned but allowed to to the nurses' register has caused uproar in the profesremain on the register. The further conviction was in sion, and is certain to be a 1984. Mr Choy was found to have visited the home of a dominant theme at the RCN's annual congress in Bournemouth next week. woman patient. On the pre-Mr Choy, a 50-year-old psytext of examining her, be

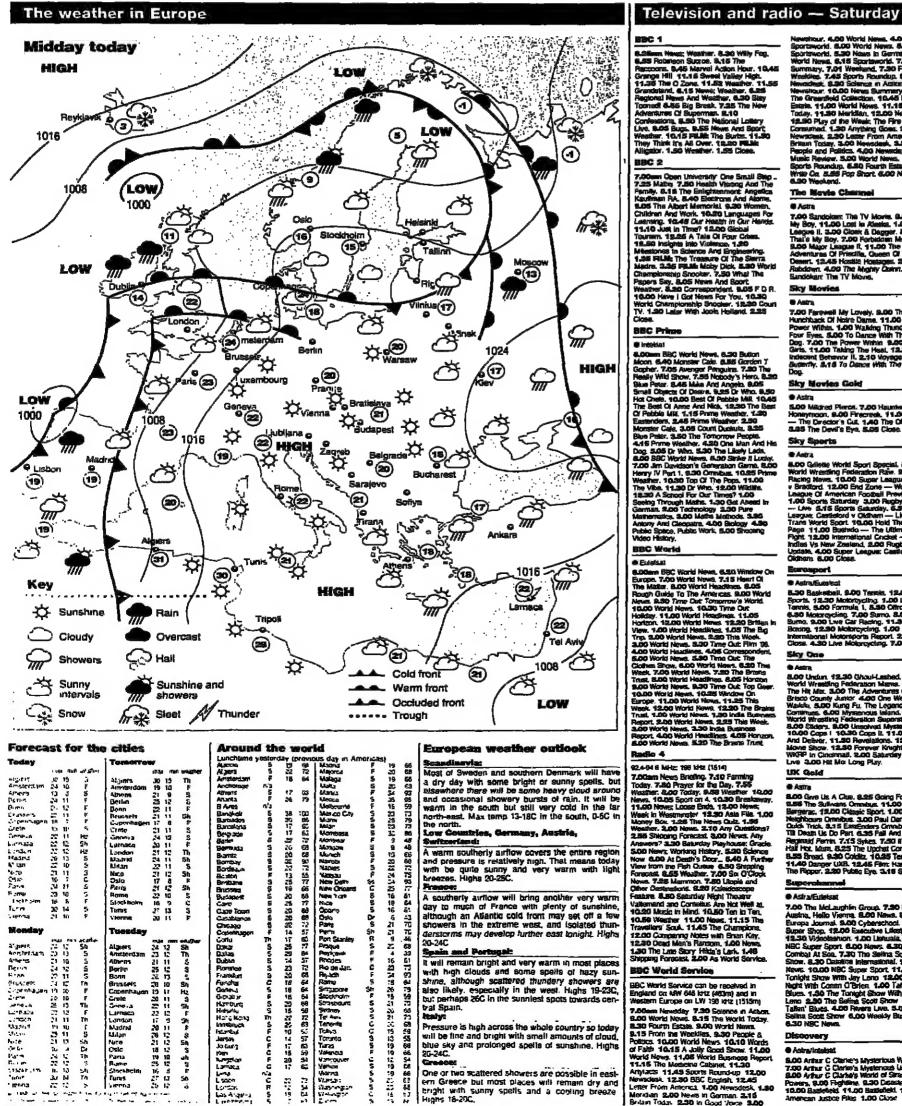
his convictions were raised. He said: "Since I have committed the crime, I have had 12 years to reflect on my be-haviour and I felt that I was very unprofessional at the time, what I did was wrong and I abused my trust and my position." An RCN spokeswoman said: "We have a role as a trade union to protect our members and make sure they

have a fair hearing. But we also have a role as a professional body and there is a tension between these roles. "We judge every issue as it comes up and we believe now that Mr Choy should not have

to cope with a crush of specta Sotheby's has received 30,000 advance bids, and ex-pects that the 1,302 lots will go for well above the estimates.

John Kennedy's rocking chair and golf clubs at an auction preview PHOTOGRAPH PETER MORGAN





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Varia span. **Italy:** Pressure is high across the whole country so today will be fine and bright with small amounts of cloud, blue sky and prolonged spells of sunshine. Highs 20-24C. Greece: 32 2 15 13 19 19 11092010 One or two scattered showers are possible in east-ern Greece but most places will remain dry and bright with sunny spells and a cooling breeze Highs 16-20C.

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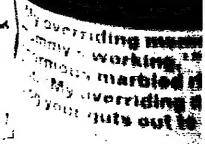
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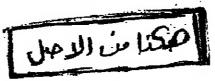
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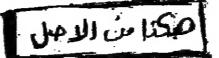
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Death Fish 2. Now Americans, who have always valued film stars above helpless dumb animals and fish, are threaten ing to make it The Flop After Wanda.

The release of Fierce Creatures, the final title of the movie which remates the stars of A Flah Called Wanda, has been delayed indefinitely following the thumbs down from preview sudiences in the US.

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owed to George Blake, the Soviet agent, for his memoirs. Sir Richard ruled that the Government's claim that west London. Sir Nicholas claimed that advances agreed Blake --- who lives in Moscow --- could not gain financially with his publisher, Jonathan Cape, must be handed over to from writing anything about his work as a spy amounted the Governme In a passage echoing a cen tral theme in his report into the arms-to-Iraq affair. Sir Richard criticised the Gov-ernment for excessive secrecy to "an interference with his rights of free expression" His judgment, described by Michael Heseltine, the Dep-uty Prime Minister, as a "de-- in this case, for claiming pressing shock", demolished what in effect was a backdoor attempt to bolster official that Blake continued to owe a duty of trust to the Crown even though the information he disclosed in his book was secrecy by extending Crown no longer secret. He said his conclusion that copyright to cover anything published without authority by former civil servants, armed forces personnel, and members of the intelligence seem strange given Blake's status as a self-confessed services. "A duty to refrain from dis-closing information that at the time of disclosure is nei-ther secret nor confidential is not, in my judge

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sary in a democratic society in the interests of national se-curity," said Sir Richard in a judgment which raises fur-ther questions about the com-

Ruling ends attempt to extend Crown copyright over Blake's story

Heseltine shocked after

petence of the Attorney Gen-eral, Sir Nicholas Lyell. secret information that had Blake wrote his autobiogra-phy. No Other Choice, in 1990, 34 years after escaping from Wormwood Scrubs prison in

jailed as a result of his

there was no evidence that Blake had abused his position as a former M16 agent might

traitor. But the Governme had based its case "on what was far too broad a statement nt, neces of the duty owed by ex-memhers of intelligence and secu-"The duty imposed by the law would not prevent the publication of originally

already become public knowldge," Sir Richard said. The Government had conceded that Blake had not breached his duty of confidence since - through his spying activities as well as previous books about him --- the Russians did

not glean anything from his autobiography they did not already know. In No Other Choice, Blake describes how he was con-verted to communism when cantured by North Korean troops during the Korean war. He declined to estimate how many British agents in the Soviet Union or eastern Europe were executed or

spying, Blake, aged 73, lives on Russian state pensions. He says a £36,000 advance for his mem-

oirs was put in a family trust. He has a flat in Moscow but spends most of his time with his family in a former KGB 'safe house" north of the city. is not clear whether A spokeswoman for Cape ernment will appeal.

Haemophiliacs force HIV pay-outs

Lisa Buckingham and Simon Beavis AMPAIGNERS for United States haemo-philiacs infected with the HIV virus from tainted blood products yesterday

forced four big drug companie to offer a \$640 million (£427 mil-lion) settlement after 10 years of furious legal action. In a move which could resolve the last outstanding

action over the sale of con-taminated blood factor concentrates, the companies are attempting to settle 750 sepa-rate lawsuits against them. But the companies -- led by the German group Bayer -insist their offer be accepted by 95 per cent of the claim-

ants, who stand to be paid \$100,000 each. Campaigners regard this level as unaccept-able and say the legal fight deal in Japan, where pay-ments totalled \$428,000 for each victim, plus \$1,400 a month for life.

could continue. Bayer is set to foot 45 per cent of the bill, which includes \$40 million of payments to lawyers alone. taking its individual contribution to about \$280 million. The company, which made clear it was keen to settle, said its share would be paid by its insurers.

Baxter International said it was to provide \$128 million of the proposed settlement, but it was unclear last night how the remainder would be split between the French-owned Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Inc and Alpha Therapeutics Inc. The offer follows a similar

The case goes back to the early 1980s, after the first hae-mophilize died of Aids. Despite this, it took four years before blood products were routinely heat-treated to kill off the virus — by which time thousands had contracted it. It is estimated that 18,000 of the 20,000 haemophiliacs in the US were affected to some degree. That compares with 1,200 out of Britain's 7,000 haemo-

philiacs, who have now settled mainly as a result of Baxter's Hyland division, ex-gratia payments from the said the fund would "allow Government in 1991. A the haemophilia community spokesman for the Haemophilia Society in the UK said disputes.

it was unlikely that the US offer would rekindle legal actions in Britain.

Corey Dubin, head of the "Committee of 10,000" which represents the US plaintiffs, acknowledged that the firms had for the first time made a "reasonable offer". But he warned that their demands for nearly all sufferers to accept the deal --- in an effort to crush future legal challenges could jeopardise a settlement. "I think we'll find that the deal won't fly. These people

are not about to give up their rights," Mr Dubin said. John Bacich, president of

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spy wins royalties battle said: "We are glad the issue i resolved. We are satisfied with the outcome." Blake will not get the full

£90,000, once money spent on a provious libel dispute and other publisher's costs are taken into account. Blake, like other former in-

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telligence agents who live abroad, cannot he caught by the catch-all provisions of the Official Secrets Act, a crimi-nal statute. But Sir Richard points to a potential alterna-tive weapon available to the Government to deprive Crown servants of any profits

from books in the future - a specific agreement in writing whereby they would under-take not to publish anything

without prior approval. Mr Heseltine said the pub-lic would be "benused" that the court had found in favour of Blake "Here is a guy who took advantage of his

privileged position in the intelligence services to sell out British interests," he told BBC Radio 4's World at One. The Government was ordered to pay costs, expected to amount to at least £30,000. It

that made the 1988 jewelbeist comedy — uptight Brits John Cleese and Michael Palin and upfront Yanks Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline - for an-

other culture-clash caper has not proved enough. It could be the autumn before new filming — with extra scenes and a different ending - can be completed.

The new venture, about a small British zoo taken over by a brash multi-national theme park com-pany, climazed with Vince (Kevin Kline), an oily mar-keting executive, being

keting executive, being killed off. His demise went down badly with previewers; in-vited to "test" the product in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, despite the fact Kline actually has an-other part in the film.

Cleese, who became a bizarre sex symbol for his nude scene in Wanda, spent eight years working on the script for the follow-up, and is heading a rescue to prevent the enterprise being as dead as the Monty Python parrot. The film's release, origi-

nally planned for this spring, has been put back as its makers and backers try to find a director and studio for the extra work that could add significantly to its £15 million costs. Cleese's spokesman, Lau-

rie Bellew, yesterday de-nied reports that preview andiences also found it hard to get the jokes. "The

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audiences liked the picture, loved the picture, but didn't like like the idea of Kline's character being bumped off." He insisted rewrites after previews were common. es-

pecially with comedy. "They did not quite like John's crazy ending. He said 'Fine, I'll do another one'. It's even more fiendiah." fiendish.»

Plans for more shooting this spring were abandoned when the stars could not be brought together. Fierce Creatures was

filmed at Pinewood Studios, Buckinghamshire, last year. The stars said they were working "for next to nothing" but would The latest upset only con-firms the rollercoaster re-

take a share of the profits. Wanda may have made

. -\$200 million worldwide, cord of the Python team was loved by the Ameri-cans and was probably the Cleese (Fawlty Towers and

Clockwise) has had more ups than downs — although low points included a pre-Wanda coupling with Kline most successful British comedy before Four Weddings and a Funeral, but it also needed rewriting. The US audiences saved Bline's character, Otto the hitman, that time too, although in the odd 1985 western Silin the out 1965 western Sh-verado, and his acting part-nership with Eric Idle in the awful Splitting Heirs, a baby mix-up comedy also directed by Robert Young. Terry Gilliam directed Brastli a cuit apprice that Brazil, a cult movie which proved financially unrewarding, and the disastrously expensive Adven tures Baron Mmuch

Palin has perhaps been the most consistent, with considerable film and televiwith sion success as actor and documentary frontman.

Bad news for Tories as 'good news' paper gets it wrong

Sue Quinn

HE launch of the Conser vative Party's "good news" tabloid newspaper Look! has proved anything but uplifting after two sup-posed Tory fans featured in

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its pages denied they sup-ported the Government. Twenty-four hours after it ain's enterprise friendly econ-omy and the Conservative hit the streets, Looki appeared to have suffered the Government's staunch resis-"curse of Hello!", the gushing social glossy on which it is typographically modelled. tance to placing a burden on

Packaging company boss Shearer Sellers was cited as a success story thanks to "Brit-

was described as "one of the success stories of the Govern-ment's music and ballet scheme", said she was "stumed" to be included. "Summed" to be included. Ms Bussell reportedly in-sisted that while she did receive a means-tested grant the Royal Ballet agreeing to

But yesterday he said: "I do | for her first year at the Royal | the enterprise.

"My overriding memory is of nannies whispering 'Shhh, mummy's working,' " says Carol grimly, picking at an enormous marbled ring, the size of a small clenched fist. "My overriding memory is thinking you have to slog your guts out to get to the top." Joanna Coles

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Tory Party chairman Brian Mawhinney, who launched the publication, was accused of blundering when a success-ful small businessman pro-filed in the paper revealed he would probably vote Labour at the next election. Packaging commany hos

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they were less concerned about the fish he swal-lowed instead of being per-manently flattened in airport tarmac by a heavy roller, he was revived on roller, he was revived on demand, to appear menac-ingly outside the airplane taking Wanda, the Curtis character not the fish. and Archie Leach, Cleese's stiff English solicitor, off into the sunset.

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Shared pain ... Arthritis sufferer Graham Cunnington rehearses with Ed King for Pain. charting his 34-year struggle, at the Arches, Glasgow. The machinery will broadcast his neurological and other functions to the andience PHOTOGRAPH. MJRDO MacLEOD

Minister rejects call for new death verdict

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IE Government has ruled out any changes in the mandatory life for murder sentence

on licence last July after a It concluded that special pro-controversial decision by the vision for the police and solcontroversial decision by the Life Sentence Review Board diers would be objectionable of Northern Ireland that he in principle and difficult to posed no risk to the public. achieve in practice. He has been allowed to It recommended a verdict of following an I8-month review prompted by the case of Pri-vate Lee Clegg. A number of senior judges have argued for areas of Belfast and Derry the Government decided that areas of Belfast and Derry the Government decided that

Stronger unions the best guard against EU, says McAlpine

Boss who raised millions for the Conservatives delivers an unexpected blow to Major

Michael White **Political Editor**

OHN Major sustained an unexpected body blow from an unlikely quarter yesterday when Lord McAlpine of West Green — house builder, dilettante. and legendary Tory fund-raiser --- announced that Britain's best defence against the European Union might be its bloody-minded and patriotic trades unions.

The multi-millionaire, who raised millions to help Lady Thatcher cripple union power in the 1980s, does not say she was wrong. "But now we need our trade union movement's muscle to protect our inter-ests" against "bureaucrat-in-fested Brussels". Lord McAlpine, who sold

Armed with "a new philoso-phy and a new style" the his share of the family build-ing firm, made his point in the Daily Express, and ampli-

readers.

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fied it on Radio 4's World at | the disastrous impact, the | spoken and is now backing One. during a visit to London | EU's social chapter and single | the even-richer exile, James One, during a visit to London from Venice where he lives in currency projects were bound to have on Britain's reviving tax exile's splendour at what he sometimes calls the economic fortunes. Labour's "Tower Hamlets end" of the stance on both was pathetic. Farmers' unions should take a tougher stance against the EU's worldwide ban on He said Britain was en-gaged in "the subtlest of eco-nomic wars" with its EU part-British beef exports, he said on Radio 4. "They've been treated appallingly over the last few weeks. That wouldn't ners, and traditional barriers the monarchy, the House of Lords, and the Bank of England among them - to over-bearing governments and forhave happened in France. We need to demonstrate to Europe that some of the things they're doing are im-mensely unpopular in this eign diktak were being

"Ask yourself, would the unions that represent French farm-workers have allowed country." As usual with Lord McAl-pine, who first met Margaret Thatcher when they both worked in the pro-European Europe to walk all over the French beef industry? There's not a chance," he told Express campaign during the 1975 ref-erendum, there is an idiosyncratic twist and old scores to unions could emerge to pro-tect the people they repre-tics in the Major era he has sented, not least by seeing off become increasingly out-

mith, in his anti-European referendum campaign. That does not prevent explaining that the patriotism of the British working class was "sold down the river in the 1970s by its political mas-ters" — a coded reference to Sir Edward Heath and Harold

Wilson Lord McAlpine was asked if he had changed his mind since saying the Tories might benefit from a period in opposition. "Not really. We've got the second worst by election result since the war.

"It seems to me like when you watch a Western - you have these herds of cattle and there's a flash of lightning and the cattle all get edgy and someone drops a frying pan and the whole lot stampedes off in a thousand different directions. I think that's the Conservative Party."

Lord McAlpine: 'Now we eed union muscle

Major calls EU premiers for beef crisis talks

European Union ban on British beef exports as "un-justified" and called for a speedy end to the crisis at midnight talks with four EU heads of state in Moscow. John Major, who was at-tending the summit on nuclear safety in the Russian capital, invited the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, EU Health Organisation, and the Commission president, Jac-gues Santer, French presi-sioner Franz Fischler had all

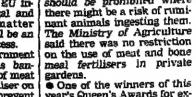
HE Prime Minister yes astanishing" not to discuss the people meeting here. terday condemned the the problem in Moscow, al. What we can do is to impress European Union ban on tish beef exports as "un-commissioner was not there. If and called for a the said it was a chance to and the extent to which we make clear British concern, and "I will do that very clearly and very crisply". He did not hold out much prospect of a breakthrough in the logjam, but said the fact that scientists, the World

feel it is an unreasonable de-cision that has been reached and that it is highly desirable that the ban is lifted as speed

ily as it can be." Mr Major is angry at the announcement by Mr Fischler and Mr Santer that they are still eating British beef, despite imposing the worldwide han on its sale a dent. Jacques Chirac and Ital-said British beef was safe worldwide han on its sale a ian premier, Lamberto Dini "suggests to me there is no month ago. These disclosures to talks at the British logic in a continuing ban on prompted him to announce embassy. Mr Major told British beef. But that is not a Britain will be challenging reporters it would be "quite matter that can be lifted by the ruling in the European

Court of Justice. The EU in (should be prohibited where sists the order is legal and there might be a risk of rumi-that taking the matter nant animals ingesting them. through the courts will be an extremely lengthy process. Meanwhile the Government said yesterday it was ban-ning the sale and use of meat and bone meal as fertiliser on

agricultural land to prevent the spread of BSE — "mad cow" disease — which scien-tists fear could be linked to the human equivalent CJD. The ban will be effective today, and follows a recommendation of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) that meat and bonemeal from mammals before the beef crisis



year's Queen's Awards for export achievement has gone to a firm which markets beet and offal to customers around the world, Eurostock Meat Marketing, of Newry. County Down, is one of four firms in Northern Ireland to have shown significant growth. The awards were determined



an intermediary verdict be-tween murder and manslaughter in cases where a de-fendant kills in self-defence or to prevent a crime.

Cleage was convicted of the murder of a Belfast joyrider in 1991 and lost two appeals. The Lord Chief Justice of minister, in a parliamentary answer to Sir Ivan Lawrence, Northern Ireland, Sir Brian the Tory MP for Burton. Hutton, and the House of Mr Maclean said the review hody, with officials from six [Londs expressed concern at the appeals that the judiciary had no option but to find Cleag guilty of murder and uphold the mandatory life the law for the police and tion," Mr Maclean said

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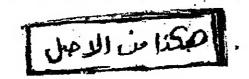
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bow lyathurai Sandralingam and Sensthirajah Ravichan-dran, both aged 26, had been arrested and tortured several times by Sri Lankan security HE- Home Secretary wrongly rejected a clutch of asylum ap-plications, two High Court judges ruled yesterday. The latest in a series of em-baryscing court mouther for barrassing court rebukes for Michael Howard came days after the Government's climb-down over the deportation of the Saudi dissident Moham med al-Mas'ari.

Lawyers said yesterday's rulings could have important implications for hundreds of asylum seekers. protection of the UN Convention on Refugees. It was also argued that they could safely In the first case, a judge ruled that Mr Howard had ap-plied the wrong legal test in refusing to consider renewed applications made by two Sri Lankan Tamils, who fied to

a private school after they

were sacked for allegedly plot-ting against the head teacher.

Wendy Easen, aged 50, and Joy Kirby, 46, lost their jobs

be returned to Colombo. Both men lost further ap-peals to the House of Lords. But in February this year, as they faced deportation, they made fresh applications for leave to enter the UK in the light of recent evidence that in 1993 after repeated torture in their homeland. Mr Justice Dyson described

The owner, Jeff Radmayne, claimed that they wanted to discredit the head, Pamela Wood, by organising a nethall

Secretary had wrongly rejected those applications on the grounds that the source of the alleged persecution had not altered, but intensified --and that was not sufficient to

forces fighting Tamil Security forces fighting Tamil Tiger separatists. Their applications for asylum, on the basis that they had well-founded fears of per-secution in their homeland, constitute a new asylum claim. Ordering him to reconwere first refused in August 1993, and subsequent appeals sider both cases, the judge said he had applied the wrong were rejected on the grounds The men's solicitor, Kana-

that those who supported the Tigers, a terrorist organisa-tion, were not entitled to the The men's solicitor, kana-pathipillal Sritharan, said: "There are many, many simi-lar cases involving Sri Lan-kans who have fled their homes. If the Home Secretary non-extension of appeal to an adjudica-tor. This is going to clog up the whole sweets system " the whole appeals system." Hours later, another judge cast doubt on Belgium's tatus es a sele fhird country

blaming her for not providing

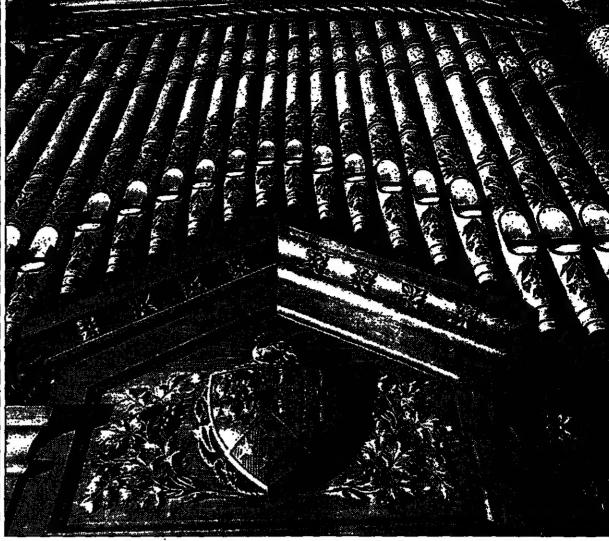
Teachers sacked for 'plot' win £24,000 from private school

Tamil youths were being per- | and granted orders to five applicants quashing decisions by immigration appeal

> It had been government policy that any asylum claimant who had been in Belgium be-fore the UK should be returned there on the basis that it would be safe and reasonable to claim asylum. But Mr Justice Hidden, considering the case of three Turkish Kurds, a refugee

from Togo and an Iraqi, said he was unable to agree with Mr Howard that Belgium was safe. There were "unresolved, conflicting opinions" over whether Belgium's eight-day time limit for asylum claims could lead to refugees sent back from the UK being de-ported subsequently. The Home Office has indi-

cated that there will be no appeal against the ruling in the Tamils case.



The Grade II listed Victoria Hall, which includes the original organ, is at the centre of the scheme PhotoGRAPH DON MCPHER

WO teachers yesterday primary school in Gateshead, won a total of £24,000 from a private school after they gross misconduct. Mrs Easen last night said she received a lot of support from parents "but I was unable first aid cover. But an industrial tribunal at to say anything. I now want to thank them." Newcastle ruled that they were unfairly dismissed and that Two teachers who resigned asonable employer no re would have come to the deciafter the sackings are claiming

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TOKE-on-Trent is not Sknowh as an arts mecca, but the council aims to change that with a £21 million cultural quarter.

A proposal for revamping the centre of Hanley in the city has won a £14.8 million grant, the third largest for an arts project outside London, from the Arts Council it on the market.

kind of cultural quarter, businesses would tend not to rate Stoke as highly as we might wish." The scheme will embrace the existing Theatre Royal,

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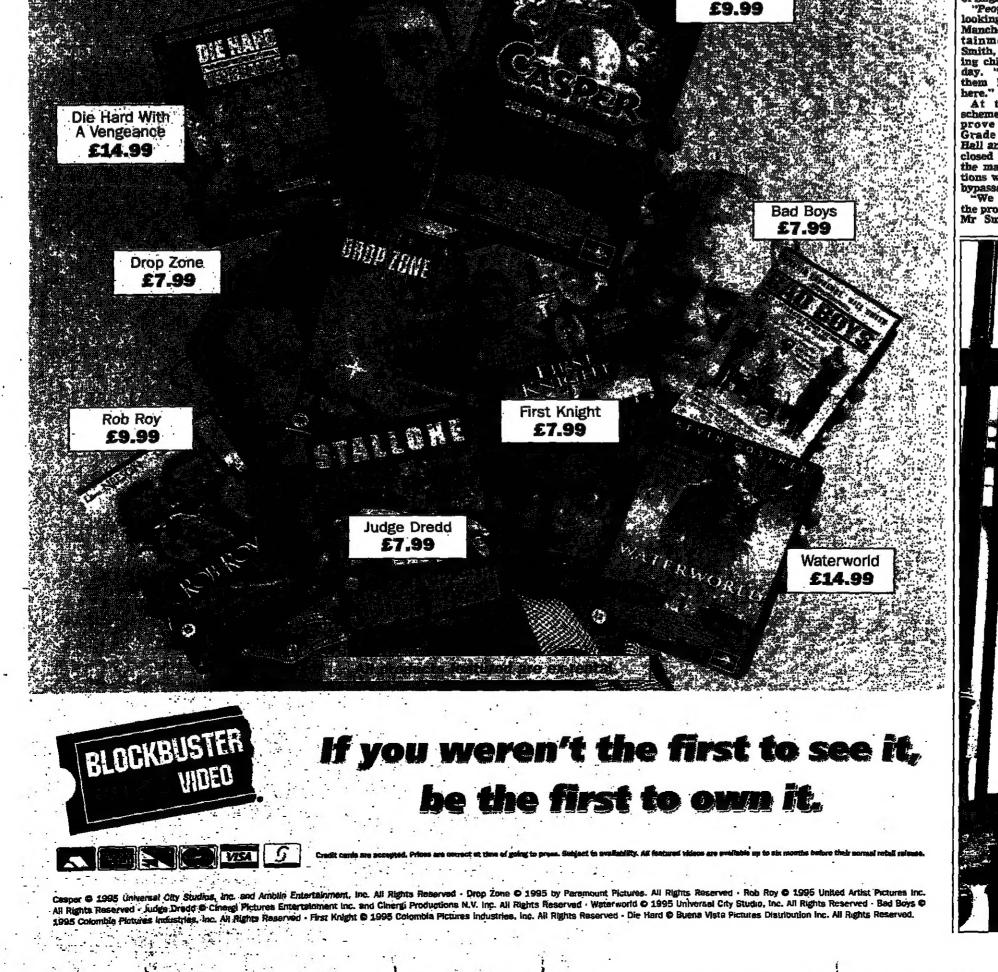
the city's brutalist library. the award-winning museum and art gallery and the Bethesda Chapel, a grand Methodist cathedral, still in desperate need of restoration.

There are also plans to brighten up facades, tidy up and pedestrianise streets and instal sculpture on prominent sites. The council believes that

once the Regent reopens in 1998, tourists will flock to see its Grade II art deco interior, now painted a faded custard yellow.

It opened in 1929 as a cinema and theatre, rocked to the Rolling Stones during the 1960s and closed six years ago when Rank, which had converted it into a three-screen complex, put

"People here have been The foyer is now aplooking to Birmingham and proached through grim corrugated iron gates covered in fly posters and the inte-rior smells of damp and Manchester for their entertainment." said Brian Smith, the city's opera-loving chief executive yester-day. "We want to keep neglect. The 1,600 seat Victoria day. "We want to keep them here and spending Hall, regularly visited by the Halle and BBC Philhar-At the heart of the monic orchestras, will be scheme are plans to im-prove facilities at the given new technical equip-ment and backstage facilities. A new glass foyer will provide comforts, includ-ing a bar, for patrons. Grade II listed Victoria Hall and open up the long-closed Regent Theatre for the major touring produc-tions which bave, till now. bypassed Stoke. "We are trying to raise Mr Smiths said: "Hanley is not particularly welcom ing to the large numbers of tourists who come here but the profile of the city," said do not stay Mr Smith. "Without this might hope. do not stay as long as we



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'If the Hizbullah stopped attacking us, then these things would never happen'

'I am sickened and appalled by the deaths in the UN base. But then I was unhappy with the scale of retaliation in the first place'

'In the short term, this has done terrible damage. In the long term, we might get a diplomatic solution out of it'

A woman comforts her son, aged four, in a Tyre hospital after he was wounded at Qana Photograph: Anneo azaga

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A leftwing Israeli shows her anger at the deaths in south Lebanon during a vigil near Shimon Peres's house in Jerusalem yesterday. She is holding a sign calling for an end to the killing of children in Israel's Operation Grapes of Wrath against Hizbullah guerrillas Photograph: NATI SHOHAT

How have Jews reacted to the Qana tragedy? JOHN EZARD in London and DEREK BROWN in Jerusalem report British Jews back Peres Army's street cred grows

EADING British Jews were appalled yester-day by the scale of the slaughter at Qana, but did not waver in their support for Israel's policy of retalia-tion, or their faith in Shimon

Peres, the prime minister. They saw the shelling in a perspective of nearly 30 years of Israeli civilian deaths and injuries in northern Israel from guerrilla attacks across nised that no leader of a dem-the border with Lebanon. This incident is horrendous ment could maintain but it would be premature to say that it will prove to be a while rockets trapped thoudefining moment." said Tony Lehrman, director of the Institute of Jewish Policy

the feeling that it will perhaps get us back to the peace

ish Women and chairwoman of the British section of the International Committee for Peace in the Middle-East, said Israel had been forced to react to Hizbullah attacks. "But I think in the next two days the whole thing will have to stop, because the world powers will rible tragedy" of Qana.

The Jewish Chronicle went bombardments. Precautions causes are very different. to press before the Qana can't make that danger go "It wasn't a deliberate mas-attack with an editorial warp-away. I don't think it has de-sacre like Sabra and Shatila; railed peace prospects. My hunch and hope is that it has ing that Israeli policy could reach a dangerous morass. It forecast more civilian deaths certainly increased the desire of Israelis, Lebanese and as inevitable. Americans to find a negoti-

The newspaper's editorial says today: "There can be no doubt that the election did ated solution. The real question is over Syria." The eminent London-based Jewish author Chaim Ber-mant sald: "I am sickened and appalled by the deaths in the UN base. But then I was play an indirect part in Mr Peres' calculations. He recogunhappy with the scale of retaliation in the first place. I sands of civilians in the north of the country in basement shelters. anticipated a tragedy on this scale

"In this dark moment, it may look as if peace is hor-ribly threatened. But I have matic one. Other governan enemy that shelters be-hind civilians? I only hope this slaughter will induce both israel and Hizbuilah to ments and media commentators are wrong, ments withdraw from southern abanon. June Jacobs, president of the International Council of Jew very likely be ended by a Matthew Kalman, editor of the young Jewish magazine New Moon, said it was hard

single order from [President] Assad in Damascus". for outsiders to grasp the terror of childhoods spent in air raid shelters because of The Chronicle's editor, Ned Temko, who came under Is-Hizbullah rockets. raeli bombardment as a jour Lebanon look the same as photographs from the bombs

it was the considered military policy of an Isreali prime minister passionately committed to peace. I trust him not to make the same terrible

mistake again." Officials at the Israeli embassy in London said that at least 83 civilians had been killed and 336 injured in attacks across the Lebanon border on northern Israeli towns, including Kiryat Shmona, since 1968, These included the slaughter of 21 child hostages at a school in Maa'lot. In the last six weeks, five civilians had been killed "But what can you do with

and 57 injured. The publisher Martine Halban, who is a volunteer worker for the New Israel Fund, saw a tragic paradox in the situation. "Peres is very keen to make up for the loss of Rabin," he said. "He wants peace more than anybody else in the world.

"But to get it he finds himself having to use the strong methods Rabin would have "The photographs from used. In the short-term, this shelling has done terrible damage. In the long-term, I think we might get a diploin Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. For the bereaved and injured

> tough, given the government's hostility towards the UN, which it blames for fail-

A HUGE military operation is under way in northern Sri Lanka to recapture land held by the Tamil Tiger rebels since 1990, writes Flora Bots-ford in Colombo.

SRAELI reaction to chimed an older woman. Thursday's massacre in "We can't stop it now. The south Lebanon has been muted, with mingled traces of embarrassmen frustration and deflance. Attempts by the government and army to shrug off the calamity as an "acci-dent", were echoed in ran-

dom soundings of Jerusa-lem residents yesterday. "I think we should finish it now," said a young wom-an who had been gazing in-tently into a shoe-shop win-dow in one of the city's busiest streets. Dld she mean stop the military on-slaught on Lebanon? "No, no, no," she said impa-tiently. "Finish it. Do it properly! Deal with these people once and for all." "I agree with her,"

"We can't stop it now. The Katyushas are still coming into Galilee: the people there are still in the shel-ters. Why should we stop? We're sorry for what hap-pened. Of course we are sorry, we're human beings. But if they [Hizbullah] stopped attacking us, then these things would never happen again." Friday mornings are 'Je-

Friday mornings are 'Je-rusalem's busiest, a frantic round of pre-sabbath shop-ping and socialising. This sabbath, perhaps, should have been more sober than usual, but it was not.

"Tve no time, no time," an elderly man wearing his skulicap said. "I like what our army is doing, that's all I can tell you."

mine Israel's demand that Hizbullah stop firing rock-ets across the border. Many A woman selling Indian-made cheap jewellery in a public square in the tourist quarter was more forth-coming, but less logical.

"What is happening in Lebanon may not be nice, but it's the only way we have of protecting our soldiers. They've been getting killed all the time, and we have to hit back," she said.

Israel has occupied south Lehanon as a buffer zone for 11 years. The occupation principle, however, remains popular, and is rarely questioned. In yesterday's Israeli papers there was little hint that the latest calamity might

merit some radical rethink. Commentators instead la-mented that the "incident, the tragedy" could under-

pundits neatly turned the finger of blame on the Syr-

ian president, Hafez al-Assad, pointing out that only be could bring Hizbullah to heel. On Thursday night, there

was a public protest in Jerusalem against the Leba-non massacre. Peace activists, many of them from Israel's 1 million-strong Arab population, gathered in a square near the official residence of the prime minister, Shimon Peres.

"Peres, how many chil-dren did you kill today?" they chanted. But the words of the 100 protesters were drowned by passing



see to that.'

"It is an inherent danger of the pain is the same. But the matic solution out of it."

US pushes for News in brief **UN chief pulls out of Rwanda Kurdish peace** A S THE commander and Nations forces in Rwanda pulled out yesterday, a UN en-

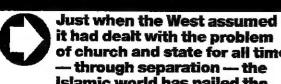
Chris Nuttall in Ankara

HE Clinton administration has launched a new round of talks aimed at negotiating a peace settle-ment between rival Kurdish groups controlling northern Iraq. The United States Initiative

has received an unusually op-timistic reception from the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), who both appear to believe that a final agreement can now be reached. Three previous peace attempts have failed, but the rival factions know that a united opposition to President Saddam Hussein in the north of the country would serve both their inter-ests and those of the US.

A peace settlement appears particularly attractive now that the Iraqi first and fifth ormies wait threateningly above and just below the 36th parallel, which marks the nofly zone set up five years ago by the US, Britain. France

and Turkey. It would also help the PUK and KDP to siphon off their share of the benefits of any deal between the United committee to handle revenue Nations and Iraq to resume oil sales. The Kurds would be based interim government be entitled to 15 per cent of the fore elections are held.



it had dealt with the problem of church and state for all time - through separation - the Islamic world has nailed the notions of religion and government together again.

proceeds of oil piped through northern Iraq, to be spent on voy arrived to defuse rows humanitarian goods. The US state department's

with the government about a UN office and equipment left director of northern Gulf af-fairs. Robert Deutsch. and behind by the peacekeepers. Brigadier-General Siva Kumar, from India, and five bodyguards flew out on a transport plane to Nairobi, the last Unamir (UN Assis-Stephen Grummon of the National Security Council are flying to northern Iraq today following talks at the Turkish foreign ministry in Ankara. American officials say they tance Mission in Rwanda) UN, which it blames for fail-flight to Kenya. "We did a ing to stop the genocide of good job here under very dif-ficult circumstances. I am Hutus in 1994. — Reuter.

are hopeful of resolving some disagreements over the text of a draft agreement. The KDP and PUK agreed on a ceasefire last August, 'Robe of Christ' | Big move to after a year of fighting. Their

feuding has cost about 3,000 goes on display rout rebels lives and split the region into two zones. The dispute cen-tres on PUK control of the main city of Irbil and the sharing out of revenues from PILGRIMS flocked to the cathedral in the west German city of Trier yesterday to see the robe be-lievers say Christ wore on oil trade at the Turkish

The KDP leader, Massoud his way to the cross. Barzani and his PUK counterpart, Jalal Talabani, have yet to negotiate face-to-face, but both have made conciliatory statements during the past month.

celebrated a special mass to open the four-week exhibi-tion of the "Holy Coat of Trier", which is expected to attract up to 1 million pil-grims and tourists. A final agreement needs to Scholars have long dis-puted whether the garment

It is only the third time **Operation Sunrise 11 began** this century that the cathe-dral has put its most revered relic on display. About 4,000 worshippers at dawn yesterday, exactly a year since peace talks with the rebels broke down, according to a military statement. The Sri Lankan govern-

ment imposed a curfew on parts of the northern Jaffna peninsula, where the rebels' strongholds are concentrated, and slapped restrictions on the local media.

could be the seamless robe worn by Christ. Textile his-The operation is on a huge scale, with ground troops torians say it is now imposbacked by air and naval fire sible to verify if the garpower, according to unofficial ment is genuine. -- Reuter. military sources.

Greek relatives collect dead

GRIEVING relatives gath-in Athens yesterday to collect said Kostas Velikoudis, the the bodies of 18 Greek pil-grims killed in a terrorist In Egypt, hotels and trave In Egypt, hotels and travel agents said they saw no signs that tourists were staying attack outside a Cairo hotel. "She was working in Germany to make money so she could retire to Greece. She any cancellations," said the went on a pilgrunage to the Holy Land to pray for her fam-Cairo. — Agencies.



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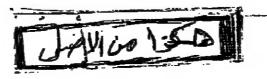
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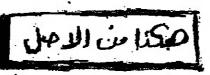
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It was a Soviet Eden for the power workers. Then their reactor exploded, and the USSR collapsed. James Meek discovers how Ukrainians are coping with the fallout and, below, the continuing risks of meeting their energy needs

The fires, the ashes, the scars of Chernobyl

thyrold gland has just been removed. The surgeons may have to operate again. There are fears that the cancer may after the reactor ex-ploded. Loitering in the warmth of a "I was thred all the time be-fore the operation," Tatyana said. "It's not much better

Spring evening, the people of Pripyat gazed in fascination at the play of colours in the sky over Chernobyl. now. My heart hurts." She stares into the table and lapses back into silence. More than 1,000 children under the age of 18 have been

sky over Chernobyl. "I went back to work the next night... there were cylin-drical pillars of light, of a bright orange colour, like clouds, colling and rising and falling as if in a paraffin lamp. There were colours such as operated on for thyroid can-cer in Bielarus and Ukraine I've never seen in nature," said Boris Rogozhkin, who was in charge of all four reactors on the night of the disaster. since the Chernobyl disaster, a twentyfold increase in the normal rate and the first internationally-accepted sign of long-term health damage

Svetlana Sobol was 22 and worked in the station canteen. It had never occurred to her. caused by radiation from the exploded reactor. that nuclear plants might be dangerous for her or her three-

There will be more sur-gary," Mrs Sobol said. "The surgeon noticed a metostasis in the neck and around the year old daughter Tatyana. "There was such a beautiful red glow," she said. "Nobody ears. We hope for the best, of course, but it's bard to say knew there was any radiation or that we should be taking some kind of special care. We Ten years on, survivors like

the Sobols are struggling to cope not with the conselived in a district that was right next to the station. Out quences of not one disaster but two. In their minds, in their lives, the consequences of curiousity people were climbing up onto their roofs to look and see what had happened, because there was an imusual, pretty glow." Pripyat was not evacuated of the first — the world's worst civilian nuclear disaster -- are impossible to sepa

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until the afternoon of April 27 rats from those of the second, 1986, more than 36 hours after the collapse of the Soviet Union. If the first gave Tatyana thyroid cancer. The second Tatyana is 13 now, a small girl with a face the colour of candle-wax, sitting dry-eyed, created an independent

Ukraine so poor it can pay her a disability allowance of tight-lipped, head bowed, between two crying women in a schoolroom in Kiev. Next door only 25 million karbovantsi a is an exhibition of children's pictures. The children have picked the brightest scarlet month - about 29 - and can-not guarantee a reliable supnot guarantee a reliable sup-ply of two vital substances — the hormone thyroxin, which she has to take every day, and radioactive iodine, necessary to detect rimaining cancer cells. The survivors grieve now for their sudden loss of inno-cence, their realisation how -full of lies the old system was crayons in their boxes to draw extravagant book-shaped ashes across the throats of

their human figures. At her mother's request, Tatyana reluctantly rolls down the bigh neck of her jumper to show what it is full of lies the old system was,

secure Soviet lifestyle. Yet what they experienced in 1986 ff was an extrame version of what millions subsequently experienceed as the USSR in

Driving today through the overgrown streets of the Pri-pyat ghost town, with its stumpy grey apartment blocks and its numbered monotonous shops, it is hard for a foreigner to comprehend what a paradise it was to its Soviet inhabitants, many of whom had come to Ukraine from the bleak closed nuclear cities of Siberia. Glorious mode and waterlands, a flat

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virtually guaranteed, and the shops stocked at supply level number 2 only one step below Moscow itself.

Pyotr Shavrei, one of three fremen brothers who fought to prevent the fire spreading to the other Chernobyl reac-tors and received near-fatal doses of radiation as a result, said: "Every year they tell me I must have been in sbock, I must have been terrified, I

must have nightmares about it to this day. No. I don't dream about the place I used to live, Pripyat, and the places I used to so hunting places I use and fishing.

To its inhabitants Chernoby was a Soviet Eden, but inside its guarded perimeter engi-neers were toying with a par-ticularly dangerous branch of the tree of knowledge. Boris Rogozikin, one of the

borns koguzinkin, one or the three survivors of the siz Chernobyl personnel jailed for causing the accident by ig-noring safety rules, has spent the last 10 years studying what happened and trying to clear his name. He believes he has done so, and concludes that at least one of the 15 RMBK-type reactors built in the former Soviet Union was doomed by design to blow up. All RBMK reactors, he says, autom leaks of water and suffer leaks of water and steam from badly-designed joints in the complex chrouit-ry which sends cool water into the hot reactor and takes steam out to drive the turbines.

The leaks can be brought on by vibrations in the main cir-culation pump, which occur whenever, the pump is switched on or off - just as a household tap with a worn flange will shudder.

Moscow itself. "It was cosy, quiet and green," Mrs Sobol said. "They'd built it in an enchapt-ing place... it was built for the benefit of the people who lived there. It was very good, we'd pust got married, had a young child and they were already giving us a flat. If I'd been in Kiev I would have had to have watted much longer."

FOCUS: UKRAINIAN DISASTERS



The agony continues ... Surgeons in Kiev remove cancerous growths from the neck of a boy of 14, his fifth operation since the initial removal of his thyroid. Left, a girl of 6 undergoes a scan to assess brain damage probably caused by radiation. It is becoming apparent that brain damage may be a serious problem

could be powered for a short time by a switched-off turbine as it freewheeled to a standstill. This unstable power

source, Mr Rogozhkin says, radically increased the vibra-tions in the pump, causing multiple leaks into the reacmultiple least into the reac-tor itself, a sudden increase in high-pressure steam in the confined space around the hot uranium fast rods and, at 1.24am on April 26 1986, two

powerful explosions. There never should have action cancer increases:

into the air, spreading con-tamination equal to 500 Hirothat morning he saw children running around in their shima bombs over thousands shorts, women out shopping of square miles of inhabited land in Bielarus and Ukrains. windows wide open in the warm air - and went off to The coming days were a time of ingnorance for many survivors, before they came share a bottle of vocka with a friend before going to bed. Why were they not evacuto terms with the huge radiaated immediately? "Where could we have sent

tion doses they had received. Their survival wwould seem extraordinarily hopeful were it not for the fear that the thyroid cancer tragedy will be followed by other delayed-

would have been in charge of

the station if the specialists

"We tried to get back any way we could," said Mr Rad-

kevich, one of about 100 el-derly people who now live in Illintsi. His children and grandchildren visit, but do not stay more than a day or two. "Maybe the younger generation will get used to radia-tion," he said hopefully. "They told us we couldn't

them?" How could you send your children away, not knowing whether they might live here, that there was radiation and everything. They came and told us to leave and end up somewhere more con-I said: 'Dig us a grave and taminated? Far from everyone had a car. Besides, who | bury us hare.

He and his wife live much

curving pink scar where her | their exclusion from a snug, | waited much longer:

around to: seeing if the pump

seen a point in the test programme which involved hitching the main pump to a freewheeling turbine. Even in freewhe normal conditions, when the nump was switched on or off it would vibrate so loudly that yon'd want to get out of the Way

His arguments are convinc-ing, he speaks without bitter ness. Yet 10 years on he cannot get what he feels he deserves - rehabilitation.

"We were condemned by the supreme court of the USSR And now the USSR no onger exists. Ukraine didn't

udge us, Russia didn't judge The second blast blew open the roof and flipped the enor-mous reactor lid open, where it still lies today under the sarcophagus, balanced perilously on its rim like a penny in the mouth of a thimble.

A column of radioactive dust and gas poured 3,000ft

Vladimir Zabolodnikh ha been told he is dead, but he is back at Chernobyl, doing the job he was doing on the night of the disaster: monitoring the station's water supply "When they took my film

had run away? In the big picture, the shift working that night and the next saved not ust Pripyat but probably half of Europe." Older Ukrainians are used

badge and examined it in Moscow they said I couldn't to terrible events. At 71, Mikhailo Radkevich can remem-ber the collectivisation and be alive. I still don't know what the dose was: it was

'The shift working that night and the next probably saved half of Europe'

classified. But two months i famine of the 1930s and the Nazi invasion of 1941. Evacuafter the accident the radioactivity of my lungs was the same as reactor water." ated from his village, Illintsi, 11 miles from the station, it Mr Zabolodnikh called his eemed natural for him to family at home in Pripyat and told them to close their win-

return, as he had returned from forced labour in Gerdows, but most people did not even know they should take many after the war. But no-body tried to tell them after this elementary precaution. When he went of shift late the famine or the war that the very soil itself was poison.

pensioners eking out a living on the ruins of a collective farm: their collective simply collapsed sooner, A lorry delivers bread, they hope their pension will be paid on time, the only thing

as other Ukrainian peasant

they buy is sugar. They watch television, grow their own vegetables, keep a cow, a pig and chickens. The authorities gave them a place of paper saying they could drink their milk.

"It's all propagands that an imals are born without legs or heads," he said. "I've had five calves born here and they've

all been normal." The real damage was worse Mr Radkevich's sons both worked at the station. "I know what grief is. My

youngest son, he lost his thy-roid. I understand the grief but there's nothing to be done."

Paying the price of home heating

T WAS a long way to the Each year about 300 under working reactors still gener-site of the accident and no ground workers are killed in ate 2,000 megawatts of elec-matter what he says now accidents in Ukraine's hid tricity? President Leonid eously unsafe pits, 10 times as many as died in the immedi-Alexander Anukhin must have felt some fear during the seven-minute descent to the bottom of the 3,600ft mine ate aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster. In the euphoric pro-inde-pendence mood of the late shaft and the half-hour wagon journey along the main tun-nel to the scene. 1980s, Ukrainians felt they could do without the Cherno

They knew it was going to be had. The Skochinsky mine in Donetsk had been evacu ated and another rescue squad was underground, set-ting up the equipment to pump out the gas which had been detected, when a severed cable sparked an explosion. By the time Mr Anukhin's

the rescue work."

unremarked.

Explosions boomed through the mine all day and fires were started. The final death tall of the August 1992 incident was 17; two miners and 15 rescuers: A few foreign newspapers gave the incident a cursory mention; most

What then of the future of Chernobyl itself, where two

ans died in fires, many linked to pathetic attempts to keep warm as district heating sys-Kuchma has promised to close the plant by the end of tems failed them. Few of those who suffered the century, but is unbappy with the money being offered

severe radiation sickness as a result of the Chernobyl disasby the G7 countries to build a reliable shield around the ter - mainly station person-nel, firemen and clean-up workers - believe the plant should be shut. blown-up fourth reactor, close the others and build a

"Accidents happen. They're cleaner than coal stations," cement thermal station. Everywhere you go in Ukraine there are reminders was the dismissive comment that energy is a life or death business. During an interof the former station supervisor Boris Rogozhkin, who was iailed after the accident.

The mothers of children who have suffered thyroid cancer as a result of the disaster think otherwise. "Per-sonally I think it would be kov. A family of five — parents and three children — had burned to death in a fire better to preserve life on earth, to preserve civilization and future generations," said nected to a heating element of | Anna Kozlova,

the cooker they had been using to warm themselves all "I'd prefer to sit in candle-light, walk in bark shoes and carry things on my shoulder In the first two months of rather than have us destroy this year, almost 750 Ukraini- ourselves."

started by a faulty cable con-

winter.



gets, the longer it lasts"

Groucho Marx

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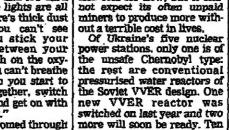
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team reached their col-lesgues, 11 were dead, two in-jured. They moved the wounded to safety, 300 yards back along the tunnel, and geance how dependent the country is on its nuclear were returning for the bodies from shutting down reactors and turning to fossil fuels, it when the second blast is expanding its nuclear happened. "In an instant you're hurled off your feet. You open your eyes and it's dark all around. The lights are all power programme and clos-ing pits. It cannot get by with less coal for now, but it canbroken and there's thick dust

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years after the Chernobyl disaster, atomic power provides more than half the country's electricity. Nuclear workers have become a new elite: far and away the best paid state Ukrainian mine accidents go

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byl nuclear power plant to eeo the country warm and lit. They forgot their reliance on virtually free Russian and Central Asian oil and gas and view about Chernobyl in the fire brigade HQ in Kiev a young fireman joined us, fresh from a callout to the they forgot how run-down and deadly their Donbass mines were. The winter just past, worst in Ukraine since 1942, brought home with a vennearby town of Belaya Tser-

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Racing

General Wolfe to scale the heights

Improving young chaser tailor-made for Scottish Grand National, says Ron Cox

athon test.

WEEK of intense Flat | brave second to Rough Quest racing continues in the Aintree National. with another 2,000 Since he was put Guineas trial at Newbury today. But for sheer entertainment value Ayr, fea-turing the Scottish Grand National and Champion Hurdle, will be difficult to beat.

Soft ground has attracted a host of top stayers for the big chase, sponsored by Stakis Casinos. Gamble of the race this week has been General Wolfe and, with conditions ideal to bring his stanina into play, Tim Forster's raider looks sure to go close.

Although 9lb out of the handicap proper. General Wolfe is almost certainly bet-ter than his current rating. Lightly raced over fences, he was bowling along in the lead when a of the tricket deer when one of the tricky downhill fences caught him out at Cheltenham last time.

General Wolfe started a well-backed favourite for the Kim Muir Chase that day, and the way the race unfolded suggests he must nearly have won with a clear round.

Stop The Waller, who reopposes on 221b worse terms here, caught Encore Un Peu close home to win the Kim Muir and General Wolfe had previously given Encore Un Peu an eight lengths beating at Haydock. Of course, En-core Un Peu has since franked that form with a at Cheltenham under a pa-

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tient Dunwoody ride. How-ever, with Pridwell - 91b better off with Alderbrook here - only six lengths back in

third at Cheltenham, it is clear Kim Balley's gelding is not as good as he was when Since he was put over winning the 1995 Champion fences last season General Wolfe has looked a natural for Hurdle. David Elsworth reports that

one of the major long distance handlcap chases. Backed up by a team like Forster and Muse (3.25) is showing signs of recapturing his best form at home and an upset could be on the cards.

Richard Dunwoody, who won on him at Haydock and Car-lisle, the seven-year-old has A smart front-runner on his day, Muse ran well for a long way behind Alderbrook at Kempton before turning in a solid credentials for this mar-The same remark applies to

poor effort when visored at the Festival. With the inspira-tional Paul Carberry taking over in the saddle, Muse is worth a speculative each-way Lo Stregone and, provided the bout of flu which caused him to miss Aintree bas not left its mark, Tom Tate's dour stayer wager. Back on the Flat, Pat Ed-

dery can cap a good week's work by winning the first three races at Newbury, and the last, on Henry Cecil's well-galloped newcomer Phantom Quest (5.30). wearing down Tartan Tyrant (now 51b better) for a five lengths win at Haydock in February. That was his most

No one can be confident about the outcome of the Trirecent run, but he generally goes well when fresh. pleprint Greenham Stakes An outsider to note is Tar-tan Tyran's stable compan-ion Tartan Tradewinds, who shaped well at Aintree and after Alhaarth's reverse at Newmarket. But Eddery's

mount Danchill Dancer (3.00), second to Alhaarth in looks set to peak at the right time. But General Wolfe (4.05) is a tempting proposilast year's Dewhurst Stakes, may be good enough. Neville Callaghan's colt

tion off 10st. The Daily Star Of Scotland Scottish Champion Hurdle holds Taguia on that New-market form and had previously beaten Woodborough a neck in Ireland. But if Kahir Almaydan is

Sham for sure . . . Bosra Sham, ridden by Pat Eddery, gallops away with the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury yesterday to underline her 1,000 Guineas prospects PHOTOGRAPH: PHIL COLE allowed to build up a lead, he could well upset calculations.



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AT EDDERY, who has landed all the British classics ex-cept the 1,000 Guin-eas, is convinced Bosra Sham will correct that omission at Newmarket in with all the leading bookshe was generally quoted at 11-10 for the 1,000 before the race, but is now odds-on with all the leading book-makers, Hill's quoting 4-6 omission at Newmarket in two weeks' time after the Henry Cecil-trained filly

demolished her rivals Stakes at Newbury Unlike Albaarth on Thursday, Bosra Sham was able to live up to all the hype, stretching clear for an impressive six-lengths defeat of Keepers Dawn in the Dubai Duty Free Fred Dayling States

Darling Stakes. She is now as short as 4-7 with Ladbrokes for the 1,000 to put the seal on Edcoat and may not have been the best looking today, but on Guineas day it could be

1.000 to put the seal of the dery's career. The performance left Ed-dery declaring: "This is the best chance I've ever had for the 1.000. The marvell-ous thing is she just doesn't have a chink in her ar-

"Blue Duster will have to get the mile, but I wouldn't be frightened of taking her on over six furlongs. "Bosra Sham is lazy in

"Bosra Sham is lazy in her work, but she does everything on the bridle, goes three lengths clear and then takes it easy." Bosra Sham, mheaten in her two races last season, started a prohibitive 2-9. Taken to the front early on, she lost the lead for a time, but was back at the head of

and Coral the most generand Coral the most scatter ous at 4-5. Cecil, who has trained inree 1.000 winners, said: "Her preparation has gone so well and with luck this will do her good. She goes Bulls

on any ground and as long as we have a clear run to the race she's going to go very well. "She hasn't come in her

a different story. Bosra Sham, at 530,000 guineas the top-priced year-

ing sold in Europe in 1994, looks almost certain to miss the Oaks and has been scratched from the betting by Hill's.

by Hill's. Eddery said: "She's so relaxed that it will proba-bly help her stay further and it's possible she'll stay one and a quarter miles later in the season, but not much more than that." Air Quest, also ridden by Eddery was quoted as

Eddery, was quoted as short as 14-1 by Coral's for the Derby after a five-

lengths victory in the Peter Smith Memorial Maiden Stakes - but his trainer, Roger Chariton, warned he is not guaranteed to go to affairs with three furiongs to go and then steadily

Newbury with form for the televised events

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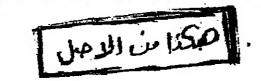
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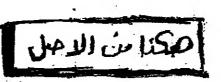
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Sport and the Law

Super League: Wigan 22, Bradford 6

Tuigamala tames Bulls

A game referees can only lose

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HE Bath rugby union players, who play Or-rell at Central Park today, were introduced to the crowd at half-time last night, and they can have been left in no doubt about the task that faces them when they play Wigan in the league leg of the cross-codes challenge at Maine Road on May 8. The Wigan that the Bath

forced errors but, those apart, they pushed Wigan all the

Bradford dropped more ball than they could afford and they squandered a couple of good scoring chances when they lost possession. But their overall defence was committed and razor-sharp from the start and Wigan were gradu-ally thrown out of their rhythm after looking likely to take early control. Instead they went in at half-time

Broncos' coach, has dropped players for disci-

Wigass Radilaski: Graig, Tulgassaia, Connolly, Snyth: H Paul, Edwards; Cowley, Hall, O'Conner, Culmest, Cassidy, Farrat, Substitutes Mardock, Slavratt, Johnson, Substitution warten, ownerst Calland, Haughton Grabam; Cook. Calland, Loughlin, Scales: Bradley, R Paul McDermott, Lowes, Dwyer, Nickle Schownscher, McNamara, Bebellister guarding a six-point lead they established after 14 minutes. Donougher, McNamara, Sebel Mediay, Fairbank, Longo, Christia Henry Paul scored the try

Paul Fitzpatrick

Rugby League

HE Bath rugby union

after a typically impedent and alert piece of finishing — with two big men, Mait Cal-land and Graeme Bradley, let-ting Paul make fools of them. By half-time Bradford had engineered some promising attacks, with Paul Loughlin running with real unproce aucus, with real purpose down. Wigan's right flank where the inexperienced Andrew Graig came in for the unsettled Jason Robinson.

Maine Road on May 8. The Wigan that the Bath men saw were not quite at their best but against a highly competitive Bradford side into the second half but the young winger owed much of it to a remarkable run by Tui-gamala. The marze and in. a long run he resisted the at-tempts of Robbie Paul, Gra-brought tries for Craig. Haughton and Murdock and took Wigan level on points with St Helens at the top. Bradford have lost two successive games in their build-up to the Wembley Cup final next Saturday. Their was a tendency to make un-forced errors but ibose apart, Craig crossed five minutes into the second half but the

One of the game's unforgiv-able sins then cost Bradford another try. There was no one at acting-balf when Robbie Paul played-the-ball and Wigan gleefully accepted the giff. Haughton came on to Henry Paul's pass on the burst and Wigan were draw-ing away.

burst and Wigan were draw-ing away. The Bulls, though, brought, them back in view with a try on the hour by Loughlin, and no one deserved it more. McDermott and Robbie Paul made the running and Lough-lin, despite a heap of atten-dant bodies, was able to get the ball down cleanly. the ball down cleanly.



Roger Uttley on the likely impact

on volunteer officials

OU must forgive your son's rugby coach if he looks worrisd this morning, because he

has every right to be. The landmark judgment in the Ben Smoldon case will have sent a collective wave of have sent a collective wave of anxiety throughout schools and clubs where men and women offer their unpaid ser-vices on the rugby field. Be-fore yesterday a referee's major concern was whether he could find the time to offi-clate; now he has the added burden of wondering whether

burden of wondering whether he will end up in court. It is a sad state of affairs. The court ruling will have major medium-term implica-tions and will cause huge problems in schools — the bedrock of the game. At Har-row we have a big demand for boys wanting to play rugby and one of our major concerns is to ensure that we have enough staff to organise matches and provide a safe learning environment for

those in our care. This sort of judgment makes it even more difficult for the organisers to find people willing to put them-selves in the firing line. Why should a teacher, already burshould a teacher, aready our-dened with heavy academic commitments, stick his head above the parapet again? And if today's teachers duck the challenge, where will the senior players of tomorrow learn their trade?

PHOTOGRAPH: JEFFREY WILKINSON

charge are clued up about the latest developments in both the laws of the game and coaching techniques. These have been looked at in great detail over the past few years to reduce the risk and incldence of injury. Statistics point to their succ

The scrum has always been an area of great concern within the game and used to

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be little more than a free-for-all. But the introduction of all. But the introduction of the crouch, touch, pause and engage sequence has made scrums more controllable. Like line-outs, they are sim-ply a mechanism to restart the game when the ball has gone dead.

A significant development has been the introduction of uncontested scrums, particularly at schoolboy level. Once play has broken down and a scrum ordered, the referee ansures that the side putting the ball in wins possession. This can even happen at senior level if a front-row player is injured and there is no adequate replacement. It is a simple common-sense precau-

simple common-sense precau-tion that can be easily adopted according to the de-mands of a particular situa-tion within a given match. Common sense must also be applied to the current talks over the future of the Rugby Football Union. All week there has been much discus-sion over its role in the modsion over its role in the mod-ern game. Yesterday provided proof that it still has an important part to play in shap-ing and controlling the future of the game. The RFU has a collective insurance policy which covers all schools and

clubs throughout the country. It protects everyone who learn their trade? The responsibility of being involved is huge, but is one I gladly accept. At Harrow each Saturday in winter we turn out roughly 20 teams. Our job is to ensure that all the boys are physically fit enough to plays a contact sport like Clubs throughout the country. It protects everyone who plays the game. Some things meed to change: that must not. *Clubs throughout the country.* It protects everyone who plays the game. Some things *Clubs throughout the country.* It protects everyone who need to change: that must not. *Clubs throughout the country.* It protects everyone who plays the game. Some things *Clubs throughout the country.* It protects everyone who need to change: that must not. *Clubs throughout the country. Clubs throughout throughout the country. Clubs thro* play a contact sport like charge of rugby at Harrow. He rugby and that all those in also coaches Wasps.

Hard lesson . . . teaching rugby union is fraught with difficulties at the best of times

Awareness and application of rules is paramount

Tom Usher considers the implications of players which is appropriate players which is appropriate possible? The answer is most which is appropriate possible? The answer is most which is appropriate possible? The answer is most of the batsman to ensure that he is a duty of care to the batsman to ensure that he is anolied in the test formulated in the care will be higher when is most of a professional of the players which is appropriate possible? The answer is most of the batsman to ensure that he is anolied in the test formulated in the set of the batsman to ensure that he is anolied it will be higher when is most of a professional of the players which is appropriate possible? The answer is most of the batsman to ensure that he is anolied it will be higher when it is anolied it will be high

Paul Fitzpatrick. Last week it was Leo Dyn-evor and Russell Bawden; this week he has left Keiran Meyer, Shaun Keating and Danny Smith out of his side New State State State State State State Danny Smith out of his side

slacking Broncos

OR the second week in the Broncos' football man-succession Tony Car-rie, the London oncos' coach, has is what we expect from all one before the discussion of the second second

dropped players for disci-plinary reasons, writes Danny Arnold, the St Hel-

Danny. Smith out of his side to play Workington Town at The Valley tomorrow. At this rate it may be a good thing that London have no game next weekend. Dynevor and Bawden, who are now on the banch, who are now on the banch, who are now on the banch, shoe a tow on the banch, who are now on the banch, who are now on the banch, who are now on the banch, training last week. Meyer, tat al and their futures with the club may be in donbt. "These guys are here to play football and the sooner they realise it the better," said Robbie Moore,	The effect of his High Court judgment which ruled in favour of the injured rugby player Ben Smoldon and against the referee Michael Nolan, stressed that his deci- sion was based on the particu- lar facts of the snoted that In particular he noted that	One crucial element of the case is that it was found that the referee may not have been aware of one particular rule. Imposed for safety reasons, relating to the formation of the scrum. There have been several recent horrific injuries on the soccer field, notably David Busst's broken leg during	not exposed to unnecessary risk of injury. As in the Smoldon case, the duty of care will be much higher where the game is played at a junior level, but nevertheless, even at the pro- fessional level, an unpire might be held responsible for injury caused to a batsman if bouncers went unreprinanded. Perhaps one of the most un- popular sports in the eyes of those lobbying for participants' safety is boxing. The tragic deaths of fighters in the ring has prompted many to call for the end of the sport. But how
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Chris Dwyer, in his first season as a trainer, is aiming for a £100,000 jackpot with Fallon barged his way out approaching the two-furlong Jennelle, who made it two

wins from two starts in the Clifton Fillies' Stakes, "Her long term objective is

"Her long term onective is the Redcar Two-Year-Old Tro-phy in October," revealed Dwyer of his 1,800 guineas purchase, who won by six lengths on her Folkestone ishing second on the odds-on favourite. The stewards held a lengthy inquiry and ordered the plac-ings of Clerkenwell and Nayib to be reversed and sus- debut.

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Soccer

Collymore will have to wait

David Lacey

LAN SHEARER'S groin operation and Les Ferdinand's broken toe will deny Terry Venables the use of his two main strikers when England play Croatia at Wembley on Wednesday. Shearer, in fact, will be lucky to make the tour of China and Hong Kong shortly before the European Championship. Surely now is the moment

to see if the prolific Liverpool partnership of Robbie Fowler and Stan Collymore, which has produced 54 goals this season, can be blooded at in-ternational level in time for Euro '96. After all, have not England strikers always hunted best in club pairs?

Well no, as a matter of fact they have not. Bobby Smith and Jimmy Greaves had already come together as a successful scoring combination for England before Greaves joined Smith at Tottenham. And the most productive part-Brooking and Kevin Keegan, Gary Lineker and Peter

Fowler and Collymore. For | match for England but if Col-one thing this would mean | lymore does join him it will leaving out Teddy Sher- | probably be as a substitute. ingham, and Venables would

not want to do that. The England coach's guarded reaction to sugges tions that the Liverpool pair might line up against Croatia said it all. "It's a combination you feel would do well," he said, "but I've got to work out what is best for the team.

"Picking people in pairs is all very well, but what hap-pens if one of them gets injured? Provided you've got players of quality they'll always come in and complement one other. "Teddy Sheringham has

this quality, and he's had it since he was playing along-side Tony Cascarino at Mill-wall. People enjoy playing with Teddy. He takes scoring chances and he gives chances, and he's owner of what's han and he's aware of what's happening around him.

"If you've got two guys who are playing regularly together and scoring goals it's very helpful, but it's not just about seeing if they can do well. You have to feel that they will hurt the opposition at this lead and ask wurself if there Beardsley — have succeeded | here have ask yourself if there because each player pos- | is still time to find out."

Success-starved Roker

set to put the flags out

lymore does join him it will probably be as a substitute. Collymore's case has been strengthened by the more diverse role he has established for himself at Anfield. "I feel I'm playing as well as ever but in a different way," he

said. "I'm not so much of an out-and-out striker as I was. I'm going a little bit deeper, getting out wider and getting more crosses in. Now I see more of the ball and there's

more space." The England coach agreed: "He comes a lot deeper and uses the wide areas well."

Collymore has scored 18 goals for Liverpool this sea-son, Fowler twice that number. Even if a rare English partnership does not gain full recognition on Wednesday it would be nice to think that the option remains when Venables finalises his squad for the European Championship.

At least his options will be a little wider. Yesterday Uefa agreed to 22-man squads for the tournament instead of the the tour tament instead of the original 20 plus a spare goal-keeper. Since three goal-keepers will still have to be named. Venables has gained an outfield player.

sessed outstanding interna-tional qualities. They never therefore, are likely to have to played together at club level. So despite the loss of Fowler, who came on for the shearer and Ferdinand, Ven-ables is unlikely to start with garia, may start his first jured Phil Neville.

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Shirt

Martin Thorpe

Soccer Diary

IVE Manchester United half a chance and they will take the shirt from your back. Actually, last weekend's rumpus over the grey area of colours might do some of colours might do some good. Surely it is about time shirts were designed with players in mind rather than jeans. But United can have no defore compute sequentions

defence against accusations detence against accusations of commercial exploitation, even though they knocked £10 off the price of the new white strip. The simple fact is that United do not need a third strip. There is not one is that United do not need a third strip. There is not one Premiership side whose colours clash with both Un-ited's red strip and their blue-and-white stripes. Next on the hit-list should be those round-necked shirts from by

necked shirts worn by Leeds and Birmingham. Leeds and Birmingnam. They too seem to have been designed only with street sales in mind. The necks are so high and tight on the throat that the resulting constriction has led to play-ers cutting them. Most no-tably Carlton Palmer in Wednesday's match against Manchester United.

Manchester United. Mind yon, some people like the high-neck look. The Reverend Lyn Jamie-son, a football-mad vicar in Gateshead, has had a Fif-ties-style Newcastle shirt Strad with a day colling "I fitted with a dog collar. "I thought I'd combine my twin passions," she said.

Burnothing is new. Tom Brinchelwood of Wishaw in Scotland remembers a storyline in the Rover comic of the late 1940s concerning Nick 1940s concerning Nick Smith, who became player-manager of Tadcaster Rovers, languishing in the Third Division North. It took only a few games for Nick to realise why the team were so bad: it was their grey strip. So it was changed to red, and guess what? Tadcaster went on to become league champions

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what laucaster went on to become league champions and win the FA Cup. Actually, up until last weekend the team with the most away wins in the four English divisions was Stockport, And their away kit? All grey (from Kevin Moore in Shrewsbury).

TANNOY announcement of the week (at High-

that may be decided over the weekend HE pampered feet of the promotion to the Premiership Premiership's rich and but, typically, Reid refuses to famous are idle this celebrate until after Stoke veekend but for the honest City's visit. weekend but for the honest journeymen of English soccer

lan Ross on the league's ups and downs

the moment of destiny may well have arrived. With just three weeks of the season left, only one issue has been decided: Hull City's relegation from the Second Division. By 4.45pm tomorrow there may finally be more answers than questions.

Tomorrow lunchtime Sunderland attempt to join the official North-east renalssance club. After years of neglect and, perhaps, wrongly channeled ambition, the buntas Peter Reid's patchwork quilt of a team look for the point that will return them to

If Derby County can keep their nerve they too will be promoted without recourse to the play-offs.

Today as Crystal Palace, their only real rivals for the runners-up berth, attempt to pick up points from Wolves at Molineux, Derby face Birmingham, the First Division's great unpredictables, at the Baseball Ground. Only four points separate the five clubs chasing the play-offs, with Stoke among

if the meeting of Luton Town and Watford at Kenilworth Road yields a decisive result. Swindon Town will return to

Division championship they will receive a \$50,000 bonus from the Football League out of a prize-fund of £150,000 for the seven most successful clubs in the three divisions.

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 Bolton's longest-serving player Nicky Spooner is close to a remarkable return and hopes to play in a junior game quilt of a team look for the Graeme Sharp's Oldham within a couple of weeks. The point that will return them to Athletic will have slightly 25-year-old defender's career

Martin Thorpe on the east-end defender

LAVEN BILIC has a | earring in his left lobe. And revolutionary solu- | instead of a house in Chigtion should England's

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says. Shearer together with Fowler just behind. The idea might be risky, but as a defender it would cause problems for baller in the mould of Klins-

problems.

well, one in London's Chelsea Harbour — "to be near the

Bilic and his wife Andrijana "visit museums, walk by the river, go to concerts my favourite is Bruce Springsteen - and est in nice restaurants"

can beat England on Wednes-day, though winning the European Championship is another matter. The blan-dishments of others appear to have gone to the head of the coach Miroslav Blazevic — "Attla" behind his back —

tournament, they are going

Bilic is more circumspect

who has been telling tumour and was told he everyone that not only can would never play again. But Croatia win this summer's the tumour was benign and

stop the bail, to look a little bit then to play. "But you don't have to be embarrassed here, because the technique is high quality." Even so he thinks Crostia can beat England on Wedness the though minning the

place is under pressure from the emerging Goran Vlaovic of Padova.

Here is a player reliabing a new lease of life — literally. Not long ago he was diag-nosed as having a brain

on the break.

the First Division only 12 months after falling out of it if they can collect something from their day trip to Black-pool, the club who have kept them company at the top of the Second Division all season. If Sunderland win the First

West Ham gypsy Bilic gets ready to balk England

carrying Croatian hopes this Wednesday

glut of top-class strik-ers all find themselves fit for

Euro '96. "Maybe if I was coach I'd play with three of them," he "Ferdinand and

likely to pick Lucas Radebe

ahead of David Seaman for

Wednesday's international against Billc's Croatia rather

than even contemplate play-ing three strikers. But Bilic

is feeling bold at the moment.

Since arriving at Upton Park in February for

£1.65 million from Karlsruhe,

Self-starter . . . Slaven Bilic <u>sets in some marking practice</u> in case Robbie Fowler plays at Wembley

the grand stage. The midweek mauling of grave if they lose at Millwall,

doubt about Sunderland's almost certainly be allocated ber 1994.

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Ferdinand targets Leeds

ORDI CRUYFF, the Barce-lona striker. is following his father Johan into the Hol-

land squad. The 22-year-old was yesterday named in the souad for next Wednesday's friendly against Germany in

Cruyff junior had main-

tained a lengthy silence about

whether he would opt to play for Holland or Spain, for he

also carries a Spanish

in the starting line-up have

His chances of being named

TEAM SHEET

Derby County v Birmingham

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from the England squad nies in the last 15 minutes after Wednesday's 1-0 de again." feat of Southampton, has

after this so I'm sure I'll be three-year suspension on barred from Uefa-related okay. If not it just means Dynamo Klev. allowing the activities for life.

ES FERDINAND, the that I will have to have an- club the chance to return to Newcastle United other injection before the European competition next striker withdrawn game and go through ago season. Dynamo were Ferdinand broke the toe feat of Southampton, has said he hopes to be fit for Monday week's crucial game with Leeds, writes Michael Walker. Ferdinand said: "When I broke my toe they said it would take three weeks to heal, and the Leeds game is Uefa yesterday lifted a after this on Tm surg Til be

Cruyff junior goes Dutch

banned by European soc-cer's governing body last September over an alleged attempt to bribe the referee at a Champions' League match against Panathinai-kos. Kiev won the game 1-0

but Uefa annulled the result and replaced them with the Danes Aalborg. Two Dynamo officials were

Kevin Cullis, who lasted

breach of contract. Cullis, whose only previous manage-

ary has returned to running

the youth side at non-League Cradley Town. "For two

sions, Tony Writer roturns to partner Racky Noveman in central defence, with Anton Rogan and James Cormor at full-back. Oldnam play Jot Hallworth in goal with a thich strain

Norwich v West Bromwich

The winger Kalth O Neuli is Norwich 5 only absentee and Andy Johnson may make his tost appearance in two monitos. The visi-tors may be unchanged even though Andy Hunt has not scored in 14 games.

Vale plan to give some of their promising youngsters a nun-out. The Tranmere de tender Alan Rodgers is suspended to Alar Morgen, who came on as a substitute i midweek and scored, may clart.

Port Yale v Tranmere

Portsmouth v Barnsley

of his 2" -year contract.

but done wonders for the West Ham defence. And now Croatia are weeks away from their first international tournament since declaring inde pendence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991. So many of their playars have built up their experi-ence — and bank balances —

by moving to west European teams that Croatia are constantly being halled as dark horses to win Euro '96. In that aim they will be

purred by a collective urge to bring hope and motivation only seven days as manager of Swansea, is to sue the Second Division club for to a country of five million struggling to recover from the psychological ravages and economic deprivation of "Pulling on a Croatian

rial experience was with a boys' team, is claiming comshirt is special because of what happened in the war," says Bilic. "We are the herces of our people." pensation for the termination "I have been made a laugh-ing stock." said Cullis, who since his dismissal in Febru-

Hero he may be, and fine player too, but he is as Shakespeare to Jilly Cooper in com-parison with the footballing stereotype. No tracksuit or Armani for

me. However," he adds rue-fully, "it would also perhaps cause the England defence he adds ruemann and Gullit who reads political thrillers, plays gui-tar, speaks three foreign languages, is one exam away Terry Venables is more

The general feeling that Cro-atia could offer a serious from qualifying to practise law, and whose idea of a good challenge in the tournamen was sparked by their 2-1 win over Italy in Palermo in 1994. time in his beloved Split is a heated political discussion in a smoke-filled coffee bar. It was a result which He even enjoys the drive to helped them win their qualitraining because it takes him past Westminster and Tower Bridge. "You have really a But although they have won great town here. After Split | their four friendlies since

to.

the 27-year-old has not only tackled the sights of London His idea of a good time is a heated political discussion

> the best in the world." Ever since he watched Liverpool and Nottingham Forest domi-i tion. So Bilic offers caution. nate the European Cup on his grandmother's flickering black-and-white television he "In reality the only top class team we have played in the past two years has been Italy. The real test is at Wenhas also had a sneaking admiration for English football bley, the home of football. If we do well against England

> and is happy to play here. "In my opinion Europe has four top-quality leagues: Ger-many, Italy, England and Spain, with France getting near to it now. I think the matter of the forthell is similar we can say we have a team and a chance in Euro '96." Wednesday's game — the one in September was cancelled because of an escala-tion in the war - will also quality of the football is simi-lar, but what makes England offer the coach a rare chance different is the atmosphere in the grounds. It's another culto field all the players who on paper make Croatia's poten-tial so lip-smacking. Because ture, really something special. "The first thing I noticed of injury and club calls, this

> fledgling state's best side about the game in England is that it is a little quicker and have never played together in a competitive match. But the lure of playing at Wembley has brought out all more competitive, a very tough game here and I like it for that. You will be sur-

the stars. So Croatia's cap-tain Boban of Milan will be prised, but I think you are better here technically than weeks after it happened I did not leave the house because I didn't want people poking fun at me." No tracksuit or Armani for better here technically than busy in mind and body in board shirts will in Germany. The problem is that here the game is so sinecki of Barcelona will whether other technically than busy in mind and body in board shirts will whether other technically that here the game is so sinecki of Barcelona will be afraid of them.

after an operation to remove it he was back playing again within four months. Although Croatia are an in-

ventively mobile side, their system is inherently defensive. They gave Italy 60 per cent of possession, soaked it up and struck quickly, flu-ently and very dangerously

So, given the coach's tacti-cal preference and a dodgy keeper in Ladic, the solidity of Croatia's defence is crucial. Here the strong-tackling and aerially adept pair of Bilic and Derby's Igor Stimac play the stoppers in a sweeper system built around the middle man Jerkan. He rarely ventures beyond half-way, unlike, say, the German mmer, but has a laserguided pass quite capable of reaching the parts he does

not. Then there are the wingbacks, Jurcevic and Jarni, a Double-winner with Juventus last seaso It is at full-back where one

of Croatia's main problems is most apparent. Quality cover for the top players is thin on the ground, which means that a bad run of injuries or yellow cards in Euro '96 could weaken the team irreparably, Against that, they have

been drawn in arguably the easiest of the summer groups, alongside Turkey, Portugal and Denmark. Unfortunately it took him from first place in the tournament to fourth. On discovering that his

"But," says Bilic, "we're not afraid of anyone." By Wednesday evening the team in red-and-white chessboard shirts will have gone some way to revealing whether other teams should charity.

just given birth, and here you are at Arsenal v Spurs. Just to make it worse, she's called it Chelsea."

T WAS meant to be a charity golf day, with Midlands soccer journalists and local Football League clubs playing for the National Autistic Society.

But relationships between two of the participating teams, Leicester and Wolves, have been fraught ever since Mark McGhee quit Leicester for Wolves, leaving the City chairman Martin George fuming. And it was not helped by

Thursday's event. Leices-ter's golf team included George and his new man-ager Martin O'Neill, and Wolves' included the chair-man Jonathan Hayward man Johanan naywara and McGhee who, while walking towards his ball on the 15th fairway, was sur-prised to see O'Neill looking for his stray ball from

the 14th. According to Wolves, O'Neill then played McGhee's ball. At the end of the tourna-ment Wolves lodged a com-plaint and, with O'Neill baving already departed, the organisers accepted Wolves' version of events and docked O'Neill to

WHITE Hart Lane-based London Monarchs are

looking for a more reliable kicker to launch the ball over the bar. Surely they should sign Ronnie Rosenthal.

STRANGER than fiction. Remember the old Ips-wich player Eric Gates?

Last weekend a chap came

up to him and said, "I've

and docked. O'Neill two On discovering that his

victory had been taken away. O'Neill went ballis-tic, strennously denying he had cheated. It all sounds like a misunderstanding, in which case perhaps Wolves could show a bit more



Performance of the week: been increased by the injury to the Ajax striker Patrick Kluivert, who is recovering David Batty (Newcastle United), who outstanding both was in Sunday's win against Aston from a knee operation. Villa and Wednesday's victory over Southampton.

A N Other

EVEN now, at a distance of 40-odd years, this name is still quoted set an example still quoted as an example Grimsby v Sheffield Utd of how a potentially out-Sieve Livingstone should partner Clive Nendonca in me Grimsby Iront line United have an injury worry over the de-fender Roger Nilsen standing career in the game can be destroyed in an instant by pure accident. He was 23, stood 6ft 3in and Leicester v Huddersfield wore size 12 boots. He scored 46 goals in 30 games to play a major part in his team's winning promotion but new sould the but here the source but here b but early the following sea-Luton v Watford son he broke a leg when he collided with an opposing goalkeeper and amputation followed. Last week Graham Rix Page is supported (Arsenal, Caen, Le Haure, Millwall v Oldham

Dundee, Cheisea). Sim Universities to manues and support

Rangers try to wrap up eighth title in a row wornes over Peter Shirtild (toot) and Andy Payton (dead leg). wins and a draw - with no | in their last three matches -Patrick Glenn goals conceded — in eight defeat by Rangers in the semi-games. And they drew 0-0 final of the Scottish Cup, a 1-1**Reading v Chariton** HOSE Celtic fans hoping for a stroll to victory Reading s joint player-manager Mick Gooding is set to return after suspension in place of Lee Rogan, and Paul Holsgrove should be back after Ru. Chartton have Lee Bowyer and Richard Rotus back after against the Premier Division's lucky to lose 3-2 at Ibrox. bottom club, Falkirk, should remember that this could be the day on which Rangers se-Southand v lpswich cure their eighth successive

Mark Sumson returns at left-back for Southend but ipswich already without Tony Moveray and John Wark, now have Mauricio Taricco suspended and Gus Uhlenbeek (thigh) and Tony Yaughan Ikamstring; sidehied, The top score Alex Mathie is back and Simon Millon is fit anato

Wolves v Crystal Palace

The defenders uso Gittens and Lee Rus-sell and the midhelter sammy igge come rulp contention for Portsmouth, who are affected by subpersion and nours, and mid be without Fitting Simpson John Caroni and And Thomson Garoties Cartain Neil Redicarn is subsyched and they have The methoder Mark Atkins is set to return for traves, who are likely to be webout smoon Osborn (injured) and have James Smith and Derrien Forguson barned Dar-ren Plicher information Palace but Ray Moughton is missing championship. If Celtic lose and Rangers win, the side in blue will take the title. The odds against it happening are rather high, however, with the Ibrox side, holding a four-point lead with three matches left, facing resurgent Motherwell at Fir Park.

defeat by Aberdeen, Mother- tween two I-0 wins. well had registered seven

with Rangers at Fir Park and | draw with Kilmarnock and a considered themselves unsweaty 2-1 victory over Hi-bernian — and this is no time Still, Celtic's problems in to be losing their conviction. handling the lower orders have been almost as notable Rangers' match at Mother-well - who have a problem with the fitness of their main as their achievement in losstriker Tommy Coyne ing only once in 33 league outings. Three draws and one win over Kilmarnock testify to the difficulties Tommy Burns's team have contrived for themselves. And their endeavours against today's visitors have also been unimpressive, with a scoreless draw at

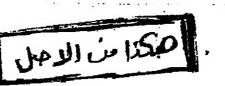
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got something of yours." Says Gates: "He told me it probably represents Celtic's best hope of their rivals' suswas the signed ball I had been given for my bat-trick against Man City in 1979. I said it couldn't be as it was taining serious damage be-fore the line is reached. The stolen from my brother's car seven years ago. He said, 'Yes, I know, I stole it'. He said he'd drop it off to Partick Thistle and a home

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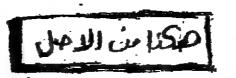
later in the week." It still has not appeared.

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Before last weekend's 2-1 Brockville sandwiched be-

champions face Aberdeen at home and Kilmarnock away in their last two. Celtic follow today's meet-ing with Falklrk with a visit



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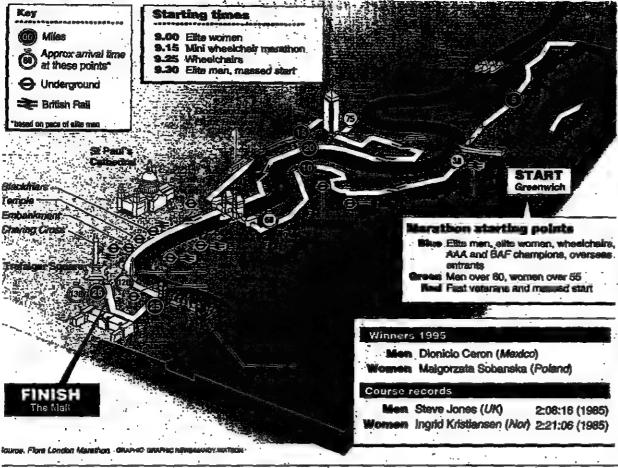
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LONDON MARATHON



The long road to Westminster

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Bedford takes a swipe at Warner for staying away

Stephen Bierley finds another chairman of selectors proving wide open to attack

BOUT of mud-sling-ing, that most favour-its of British sthletic ner of the London Martin, winon the north bank of the Thames yesterday lunchtime when Dave Bedford, the international race director of Marathon, said it would be "a disgrace" if Alan Warner, chairman of sciences for Britain's Olympic marathon team, did not attend the race. Warner, a paid consultant for the Boston Marathon, run last Monday, informed the London event organisers that he would be on holiday this weekend, and Bedford clearly Tony Ward, spokesman for the British Athletic Federa-tion, said that next year the The moment you talk about selection or the status of the London Marathon you meet a brick wall," he said. "Alan Warner does not want to know. He does not want to listen."

Bedford's outburst came towards the end of a press conference during which five

three years ago, expressed serious doubts about the Olympic selection policy and suggested that the London Marathon should in future Marathon should in future ect as the trial. In January, after a three-hour meeting, Peter White-head, fourth in last year's world championship mara-thon in Gothenburg, Richard Nerurkar and Liz McColgan were all pre-selected for At-lants, subject to fitness. Of these three only McColgan is

these three only McColgan is running tomorrow. federation would almost cer-tainly stage its own press con-ference before the London Marathon - a race that also incorporates the British mar-

"We just cannot have or particularly fast, but there ration you can have for At-stacks of this sort made in public against members of the Ceron has won for the past federation who have no two years, Silva has been vie-

chance to reply at the time." Ward said Warner is chair-man of the BAF's road run-ning commission. The London Marathon bas a vested interest in becoming the time is chair-the total for the Commission the last two New York Marathons, and Rous-seau is the only man to have run twice under 2hr 8min. The winner seems likely to come from this trio and, al-Games or the World Champi-onships, hence Bedford's swipe at Warner. Neverthe-

Games or the World Champi-onships, hence Bedford's swipe at Warner. Neverthe-less a significant number of runners are not happy with the pre-selection policy, which has left only one men's place open for Atlanta. Yet amid all of yesterday's arguments and complaints the mort talling moment came the most telling moment came when Bedford was asked 10,000 metres champion, was not a true marathon runner about the role of the pace-maker for the men's race. He "I think she is too bouncy," she said. replied that he would be con-sulting Dionicio Ceron and German Silva, both of Mex-Norway's Grete Waitz, ico, and Belgium's Vincent Rousseau about how fast they

McColgan's coach, has cer-tainly been encouraging the 31-year-old Scot to adopt a more upright posture and be-lieves her running technique wanted to run. In other words the British runners were ex-pected to be bit players. is much better. In contrast to the views of some selectors

It is one of the strongest men's fields for many years. This does not necessarily McColgan to run here.

though no athlete has won in three consecutive years,

Up to 15,000 of tomorrow's field will be in their maiden London Marathon. Three-time struggler Nick Mason marks the first-timer's card



Virgin's step-by-step guide to running London

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And you are only probably into unknown terri-tory, and leaving Limehouse have nothing more to fear. the body tends to react as it

	 parts, the shoelaces have both been tied with a double knot. The training manuals and the helpful Louise past the TV cameras. And when, after an age, the marathon have been duttifully digested. All the debuttant wants to do is bear the sun and get on with it. But London is different. London is different. London has plenty of sumprises — some good, some unsettling — for the new good, some unsettling — for the new good, some unsettling — for the new of them could be the different morning's work and a real nightmare. Here are a few of them. Savour the start morning that means you. — in gently clattaring overhead. For those of a new of them. Savour the start the start means you — in gently of news and beware the black spots. The Start Everyone is at Greenwich too early. You will witness a thread for the of the start black spots. The Start Everyone is at Greenwich too early. You will witness a thread for amount of nervous high spirits. Leave to Liz McCol gan and Dioniclo Ceron the 	is a profoundly will have seen it on television a bright blue stripe painted on the reach to show the lead- ers the optimum racing line. You will be lucky even to see that line, let alone run it, until well after Greenwich. $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow x \Rightarrow Curty Sark$ The first significant land- mark has been achieved (try to ignore the fact that, as the crow flies, you are now about 600 yards from Greenwich Park, where you started the best part of an hour ago). You are on television again, and you are not yet thed. C Deptiord	despressing iMuch overstated alarmist hyperbole has been published about the strength-sapping, releanless and soul-destroying torture imposed on mind and body by the groueling drudg- ery of this four-mile loop.pared for in a way to usually ac to seize up it sounds fess to a c four of the strength-sapping, about the strength-sapping, about the strength-sapping, releanless and soul-destroying to what you how y	in training. Be pre- the stomach to ache hat stomachs do not the; or for the hips p without warning, far-fetched to con- ase of cramp in the e Highway, but hon- ase of cramp in the e Highway, but hon- ase of cramp in the e Highway, but hon- str pied. The Tower surface has been r, and pretty consis- r, and pretty consis- r, and pretty consis- r, and pretty consis- tenly, within half a r tender feet are a metal bridge (St 's Dock), smooth tiles (the Tower e dreaded cobbles harf) and a vicious ck to lift you into ss and calf muscles	
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England turn to beaten Botham

Mike Selvey reports on moves to recruit the talents of the inspirational all-rounder

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It may turn out to be fortu

NGLAND's cricket hierarchy will should be allowed to choose his coaching staff, and it is no olive branch to Ian secret that the Lancastrian is Botham by asking hum to become part of David Lloyd's coaching team. Botham, who says he is desperate to help pull the game from the mire, suffered a rebuff on Thursday when the county chairmen ignored his nomination to become a selector and instead opted for David Graveney and Graham Gooch.

But when the new selection panel meet in Chelmsford over the next few days. Both-am's name will be bigh on the enda and his enthusiasm is likely to be incorporated into

a progressive new structure. Yesterday, in his tabloid-newspaper column. Botham accused the Tast and County Cricket Board of using a "dirty tricks department". claiming they "did their best to derail my attempts to help revive English Test cricket". Already, though, Alan Smith, the TCCB chief executive, has extended a dinner invitation — including "a very good bottle of wine" — to Botham so that they can discuss com-mon ground.

Prime mover in the attempt to harness Botham is Lloyd, the newly appointed England coach. One condition of Lloyd

nate that Botham missed out, because his talents appear to lie elsewhere. If he wishes to become involved — and al-ready he has vowed to "ham-mer away until they let me in" — he would be a part of a set-up that would be designed

to bring stability to the Eng-land side. "I fully recognise the need a believer in incorporating the experience of top former to go forwards," said Lloyd, "and there are many different players into his overall

strategy. In Botham he recognises proposals to consider such as in boundaring recognises one of the great all-rounders in history, "Just look at what he has to offer," said Lloyd yesterday. "A great swing-bowler and pace bowler, a treboard contracts for England players, the need for some of them to play less cricket, and a two-tier county structure. It's a sign that the county sysmendous technique as a bats-man, top-class catcher, great tem is recognising the need for reform and it is obvious enthusiasm and a never-say-die attitude. It's got to rub off, that the TCCB are saying, 'Let's find out how we can involve the great players'.

"David Gower and Mike Gatting, for example, are both What we need to do is to talk to him and see what he has to offer. Chew it over for a on David Acfield's working party. I'm ambitious and I few days. I would like to be able to say to the board. This like a sense of achievement Now I'm just going to do my job in getting the players com-fortable. Often, like this week, the politics of the game push the players into the backis what I want. I am the coach and I should be given the staff I want'. I'd love to see him The election of the selectors

had grown out of proportion to its importance. and Lloyd ground, and we need to over-come that. The players are the vital element and often would not have guibbled whoever had been chosen: "It would have been fine because whoever had been picked that gets overlooked. "They need to be comfort-able with me and me with

and I'm sure I'm not being naive — they would have had English cricket at heart. We them. They have to respect their role in the game and offer team support. The bottom line is that I don't want would all be pulling the same anyone to let themselves or their team-mates down

> Seaman sunset strip to stay

THE FA's commercial director Trevor Phillips yesterday called David Seamen's new England kit "a clanger". But after a "clarification" cell from Umbro Five alive ... Paul Evans, top, Gary Staines, Jon Solly, Ramonn Martin and Mark he agreed it had to stay for two writes Martin Thorpe.

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Venables plays it all by the book



David Lacey

ERRY Venables published a book* this week. He last produced one just over 18 months ago, and yet another is due to hit the shelves in the autumn. At this rate Venables will eventually have enough books written by or about him to rival the Old Testament. And he has barely started work on

The latest offering is the story of his two years as national coach. The plot, therefore, is unavoidably thin. Nevertheless the book has a certain rarity value in concluding with a quote from the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, which according to Venables sums up "all my thoughts and feelings on life and people".

Journalists too, presum-ably: "It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who

strives valiantly." The thought may come in handy should Venables pick Warren Barton again. Media-wise, another piece of Roose velt might have been more apt: "The men with the muck-rakes are often indispensable to the well-being of society; but only if they know when to stop risking the muck." Roosevelt calls to mind

Teddy Brewster, the arch-loon in Arsenic and Old Lace who believes he is the said president and is much given to noisy re-enactments of Roose

on the eve

he did not feel he would be able to devote the amount of time needed to take England into the 1986 World Cup qualifiers. He has insisted he will not change his mind. This, however, has not pre-vented another upsurge of speculation, fuelled by the ab-sence of an obvious successor, that Vernables might yet be Physic (m 3275 ورية المعينية A CONTRACT OF A that Venables might yet be persuaded to stay on. For instance, should England win 100 24.0 instance, should England will the European Championship, or even play outstandingly well without winning it, there may be a ground swell of pub-lic feeling towards that end. Venables remains unequiv-Nov 1 6 2. aght. 153-21

venances remains unequiv-ocal on the matter. "The situa-tion is exactly the same," he said this week, "and there's no reason to think the position

ball Association that because of the number of legal actions in which he would be involved he did not feel he would be able

will change." But what if the position did change? Venables has strong support among the hierarchy at Lancaster Gate, and having already freed England's runin to Euro '96 from the burden of mounting media specula-tion about his future as national coach, might he not think again? If so, what would the consensus of opinion at

the FA be? Probably an unholy mix-ture of delight and alarm. For behind Sir Bert Millichip, whose retirement as FA chairman is imminent, Graham Kelly, the chief executive, and Jimmy Armfield, on whose recommendation Venables was appointed, lies the inter-national committee with its Asquithian attitude of wait-Wait and see, that is, until Venables's team has played in

a major tournament. June will settle this issue, but with out clearing the doubts among certain committee members about the number of legal actions in which the England coach is involved.

OGICALLY, therefore. Venables cannot change his mind about tepping down. He wanted 100 per cent support from everyone at the FA. He

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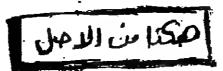
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On the eve of her 70th birthday, SIMON HOGGART argues that many of the woes of the House of Windsor can be laid at the feet of the Queen

Mother of all our misfortunes

Inher own words

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> These two idiots came up behind me and said, 'You're all right? said was until you came along you're upsetting my horse On being shot at with a starting pistol

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T'S rough being a monarchist these days, especially on the eve of the Queen's 70th birthday And some of us still are nonarchists. There's a myth loved by some on the left, a fantasy which imagines that if we could only abolish the royal family, the nation would be prosperous, cohesive and resurgent once again. Cutting the head off the class system would kill the whole creature, from the grandest dukes down to Hyacinth Bucket. But it's absurd to think that the royals can be blamed for our problems. They go much deeper than that. And the myth ignores the fact that some of the most successful some of the most successful countries in the world, countries we are supposed to admire for their vigour and clear-syst commitment to the future are also monarchies: Holland, Belgium, Spain, Japan and most Scandinavian countries, for starters. So, technically at least, are Canada and Australia. Seven Canada and Australia. Seven of the 15 EU nations have royal heads of state. Constitutional monarchy is a perfectly respectable system of government and has served many countries well. You don't find Japanese people whingeing that the Emperor has held back car exports. The monarch provides an monarch provides an impotent focus for the great institutions of the land who are --- the theory goes ---obliged to offer feelty to a symbolic notion of the state rather than to each other. It's one form of the separation of pow-ars, a concept highly esteemed in the United States. Anyone who thinks that sacking the Queen we would create a single new job, prevent one

crime, or give a any poor child. a Better start in life, is crazed. And what would replace her? Left-of-centre think-tanks may imagine that their ideas would prevail; in fact, we would be stuck with whatever the government of the day thinks would serve it in the short term. But the Windsors? This lot? Do we need them? Are we stuck with this family until they abdicate in bulk, or a mob torms Buckingham Palace? Those questions are worth tking this weekend as the media prepares to bend its collective knee in obeisance the Queen on the event of her birthday tomorrow, issuing a great, slavaring outpouring of vconhancv To be fair there are subtle pyschological reasons for this cascade of toadyism. Like ome horrible Frankenstein monster, back in the recessi of its pickled brain the British press does feel just a tremor of wilt for what it has done to he royals. Conor Cruise O'Brien once said that rec ing the attentions of the tabloids was like being picked up and shaken by son drunken hooligan who won't let go. Well, this weekend the booligans have decided that they ought to be nice, at least to their victim's old Mum. OR are the wool of the family entirely their fault. None of W could survive the relentless attentions of the press, the knowledge that nothing what soever in your life is private, and confidential, the suspicion that your servants may be inspecting your sheets for tains in the hope of selling the information to a paper which will repeat it with all the gusto of the Cup Final result. Whose marriage could survive being lived - permanently — on the wrong end of a 1,000mm lens? And yet the Queen must take a measure of the blame What is astonishing is not how much has changed in the court since she came to the hrone, but how little. Comin from a family which was ruthess in re-inventing itself in order to survive (Victoria invented the constitutional monarchy, Edward VIII was sacked for wanting to marry an unpopular woman, on the ludicrous grounds that she had been divorced; do you think that will prevent Charles becoming King if the Windsors decide they can get away with it?) it's amazing how unadaptable she herself has proved to be. That lack of flexibility stems in part, perhaps, from her apparent willingness to live quite happily in a world o her own, largely unaware of how the rest of us. A friend of

mine found himself seated heard. Now when we are given a minute by minute next to her at one of her regu-lar Buckingham Palace lunches designed to introduce account of their sexual encounters, we can barely recall her to interesting people from the world outside. Her open-ing words, even before "How are you?" were: "You can have time when we knew abso-Intely nothing about their pri-vate lives except from idealised family portraits which, literally, graced chocolate no idea how much work is involved in maintaining a DOX PS. The most heavily coded critprivate golf course." Her favourite television tism was received with aston-ished outrage. When writers such as Malcolm Muggeridge and John Grigg suggested that she might draw her staff from programme is The Last Of The Summer Wine, which simi-

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sommer wine, which simi-larly bears no relation to the real world. But it does resem-ble her own life in many ways: elderly people, trapped in a time-warp, endlessly discuss-ing maningless trivia. a wider social circle, they were physically attacked. Yet despite this enormous shift in public attitude, there has been almost no change at the Palace. The Queen is still Much of her reign has been devoted to holding on to the trappings of pomp and cir-cumstance which might have the raise, the queen is still surrounded by people who combine upper class con-fidence with mannared defer-ence. No one thinks she should been appropriate 100 years ago, but are they now? The writer Graham Turner employ only Rastafarians or single mums — but a few people from the outside recently revealed that the most furious tirade she ever world? Why ever not? The unleashed on a government Court remains frozen in time, minister was against Geoffrey however, hardly different from the one she inherited. Rippon who, as Minister of Housing, had dared allow the new London Hilton to overthat even a few years ago she assumed the public would

look Buckingham Palace. She herself has, admittedly, happily cough up for the repairs to Windsor Castle. It She hersen has, anniteday, let some of the ceremonial go hang. For instance, though technically guests at a formal dinner are supposed to finish eating the moment she does, she will push a final pea round has been ustil everyone has boggles the mind to think that she only agreed to pay taxes when told she had no choice. her plate until everyone has had enough. (Princess Margaret is less considerate and a lot more pompous; even at pri-vate parties all must down tools when she does, and no heir has become a national one is permitted to go to bed before she does.) joke? That the failure of three

out of the four marriages so far contracted by her children is a source of despair? That they have swapped majesty for the status of international The Queen has demon strated terrific loyalty to the Commonwealth, and there is not a leader of any hue who thinks she is remotely racist — quite a triumph consider-SOBT STREET There's no need for pop psychology to explain the problems with relationships -- quins a triumph consider-ing her own mother and hus-band's views on leaser breeds. Yet when I watched her doing a walkabout in Barbados I noticed that she moved from suffered by her offspring We should remember that the received wisdom in the posteach of the few white faces in war years was that you shouldn't show too much the crowd ignoring those in between. It was clearly huriful and bewildering to the locals. cause that would stop them be On the other hand, few of them coming independent. Yet the robably knew much about sight of her not hugging the horse racing, which is her tiny Prince Charles on a railfirst interest. She spends son vay platform after months on 2400.000 a year on it. monwealth tour still It's hard for anyone under the age of 35 to comprehend aunts the mind In his biography the prince told Jonathan Dimbleby that just how deferential the med used to be to the royals. No his mother spent only an hour breath of criticism was ever

and a half a day with him when he was a child. The fam-ily friend Philip Ziegler says that she was never a "close parent". The extraordinary stolcism she possesses, and on which showt everyone which almost everyone remarks with admiration. may work for a ceremonial head of state but can be disas Tous for a mother. By all accounts the relation-

ship with Charles is even more distant now. The two rourts have long been bitter rivals. One of his aides recently recalled how almost every time they asked to use the Royal Train, some encage ment for the Queen would be trumped up by her courtiers to Does this matter? All parents make mistakes, some

of them terrible. We can only bope that our children will for-give us. But in a sense, raising happy well-balanced children is the crucial job for the head of any royal family, far more important than opening hospitals and getting briefings from the Prime Minister about the public sector borrowing requirement Breeding a poised, confident, admired successor is as vital as breeding winners is to a racing stable. Little else matters. Yes, Rupert Murdoch and those who have crawled

and mose who have crawted after him are very largely to blame. Countries such as the US and France, whose national symbols are inert ob-jects, may be luckier: there is no danger of the Statue of Libno canger ti the Statte of Jin erty having her toes sucked on holiday, or Marie France being taped talking about sex on her mobile. But sadly it was the dysfunctional royal family which handed Murdoch his raw material.

We can wish the Queen a happy birthday tomorrow, we can pay tribute to her hard work — though not all that much; she has some terrifi-cally long holidays — we can thank her for the skill and experience she has brought to her public engagements

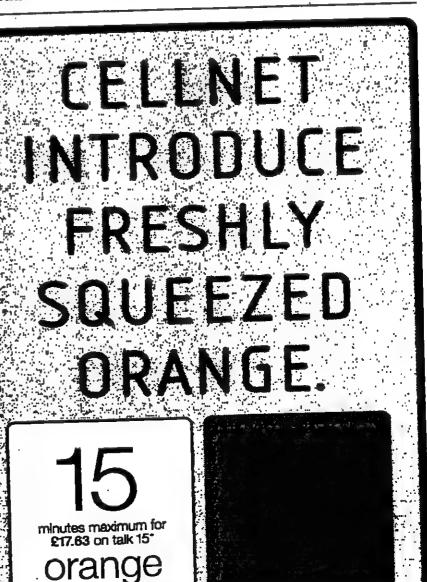
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ment is in much worse shape now than it has been ince the death of George IV. There is scant enthus Charles III, and no agreement at all on what might substitute for him. In the middle of tomo row's sulogies we might just think of tossing a little of the



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Ending a taboo in schools

HOULD Gordon Brown's name be added to the noble list of education reformers: Crowther, Robbins, Donnison? His diagnosis of the inequalities of British education in the second memorial John Smith lecture in Edinburgh last night was spot on. There was cool analysis, graphic detail and an explicit commitment for change. His prescription leaned in the right direction too but remains too imprecise at present for final judgment. But certainly his speech was a refreshing break from the silence which has engulfed Labour leaders for far too long on what seemed to have become a taboo issue; inequality.

No issue should be more important to a radical party. As Mr Brown set out with passion, denying equal opportunities does not just damage the millions of individuals involved, but British society as a whole. If Britain is to compete in the modern world, it needs a skilled workforce. It does not have one. As a succession of education reformers has recently noted, the last World Economic Forum showed the UK slipping from 14th to 18th in global competitiveness, due mainly to the quality of the workforce, which has slipped to 24th in terms of skills and 35th in terms of education. The key is not so much more graduates, but better trained school leavers. Sir Claus Moser, the man who rekindled the education debate five years ago, noted this week that Germany, Switzerland and Holland all have 60 per cent or more with intermediate level qualifications compared to Britain's 25 per cent.

Gordon Brown set out some stark existing inequalities: 80 per cent of children of unskilled fathers still leave school at 16, most with no qualifications; the unequal opportunities of children with identical qualifications - children from professional homes being twice as likely to stay on at school and three times as likely to obtain a professional occupation as children of parents doing manual work. No wonder disadvantaged children have a six times poorer chance overall of gaining as good a job as their contemporaries born into professional families.

The biggest scandal of this unequal opportunity is the poor progress achieved since Crowther, Robbins and Donnison reported. It was Crowther in 1959 who found half the national service recruits in the two highest ability groups had left school at 15 with no further education. Robbins, which followed in 1963. showed 45 per cent of children from professional families went on to university, compared to just two per cent from semiskilled manual homes. Donnison at the end of the decade showed how few children stayed on at school compared to other western states.

system is the unequal treatment between the part-time student compared to the full-time, the poor full-time sixth-former (with tiny proportions given tiny amounts of education maintenance allowances) to better-off pupils or shortterm YT trainees (£35 a week at 17 but frozen since 1986). Post-16 education remains a lottery of grants, loans and tax reliefs. Like both Borrie's 1994 Commission on Social Justice, which wanted a Learning Bank for Lifetime Learning or the 1993 National Commission on Education, which wanted individual learning accounts, Brown wants more coherence. But he also wants more equity immediately. His idea — given in briefings rather than the speech — would be to redistribute the £700 million in child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds into education maintenance allowances for the neediest pupils. Poor pupils would end up with much more money, the better off would lose the benefit. Current maintenance allowances are both arbitrary and inadequate: ranging from a mere £2 a week to £20 with as few as one in 1,000 obtaining them in some counties. A national system is urgently needed. An income-related scheme would mean more support for the less well-off - so long as they stayed in full-time education. But would they? Given the tax allowance component in child benefit, it could even been seen as a necessary tax increase on the better off. This redistributive principle is right: but why not go the whole hog and tax the better off more. Meanwhile, the devil will be in the detail --- where the line is drawn.

The biggest unfairness of the present

The bestest of solutions

THE NATION breathed a collective sigh of relief this week when the author formerly known as Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York revealed that she and her newly-divorced husband would remain the "bestest" of friends. Not just the best of friends, nor the very best of friends, but the bestest. You can't get any higher than that short of being such bestest of friends that you might actually think of unscrambling the divorce and living together again. Friends of the former royal wondered also whether she might he taking out a divorce action against the English language by her repeated use of "bestest" -which they fear is a word not very likely to pass the new strictures of the national curriculum. In fact they need not worry. Bestest is not intended as an insidious contemporary anagram like "BSE test". Nor did Fergie invent it. If she had thought it up, doubtless her string of financial advisers would by now have taken a patent out on it.

It is in fact a word with a long English pedigree with its roots based in ancient Greek. Joyce used it in Ulysses in 1922 (Since you ask: "Tarnally dog gone my shins if this beent the bestest puttiest longbreakyet") and Shaw dabbled with it as well ("My ownest and bestest '). But it was S Lysons in Vulgar Tongue in 1868 who pointed out that the word "best" is a syncopated or short-

ened form of the Greek "beltistos" which, he added, was why his own people in Gloucestershire always stick to "bestest" which is nearestest - sorry. nearer - to the original Greek than the modern British pronunciation.

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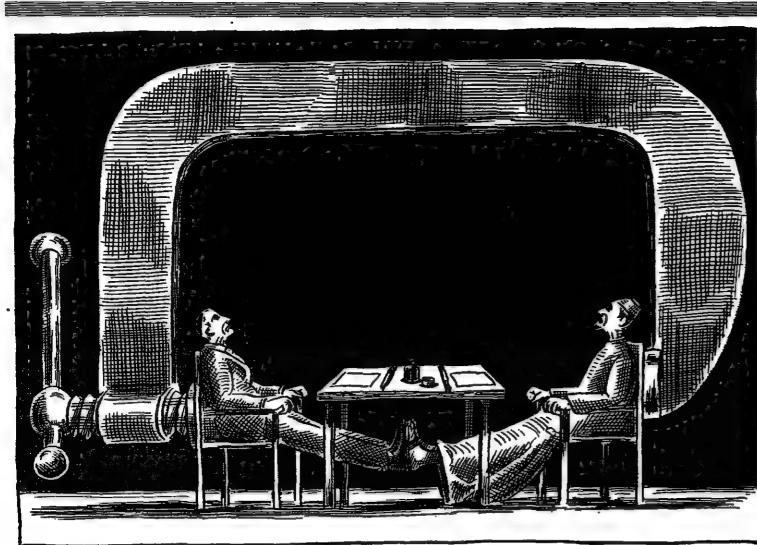
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All of this is exceptionally timely. Not, alas for Gloucestershire, but for Sussex. This week Lindfield in West Sussex was banned from the county's bestkept village competition on the dubious grounds that it has won the competition three years in a row, According to yesterday's Daily Telegraph (which knows about this sort of thing), the good villagers of Lindfield are so proud of their achievement that some of them even rise at six o'clock each summer morning in order to tidy the streets just in case there is an unannounced spot check by the best-kept village judges. This is understandable because when the village was pitching for its second win, the judges found something (unspecified) in the public toilets which appeared to upset them. It was only after discovering that another competing village had been dumping its rubbish behind the cricket pavilion (there must be a Joanna Trollope novel in this) that Lindfield came up trumps once again. Surely there is a solution to this sorry situation which could appease the wounded pride of Lindfield while at the same time giving other villages a better chance of winning. We hereby call on her former royal highness to declare Lindfield to be the bestest village in the whole of Sussex and leave regular runners-up like Battle and Ditchling to knuckle it out for which is merely the best.



"anti-terrorist" summit in Egypt brought Israel and pro-peace process Arabs into a

peace process Arabs into a, new coalition. Yesterday's abrupt cancel-lation of a follow-up meeting in Luxembourg symbolised how damaging this week has been. Suddenly the new Middle East looks very much like the bad old one, arrogant Israel extinguishing Arab lives in the name of a security

that tramples all before it. Yet just as the Sarajevo market massacre galvanised the international community into belated action over Bosnia. Qana may encourage countries which matter, and care, to co-operate more closely. The US and France were urgantly coordinating an approach to a ceasefire.

before the mass killing. But medium-term efforts must focus on fitting the crucial missing pieces into the jigsaw of a comprehensive settlement: Syria's President Hafez al-Assad remains the key regional player, exploit-ing Lebanon's wild south as his last and only card in the long endgame over the Golan Heights — now almost cer-tainly attainable if Peres's Labour government survives next month's election.

Credible reports of weepons being airlifted from Iran to Demascus and sent on to the south two weeks ago are more than an incidental detail in a drams that was cynical and complex enough before it took this terrible toll of innocents.

Western countries also need to think harder about how to handle Iran. Tehran has openly supported Hizbullah and remains ideologically opposed to the wider peace

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HOOPEE! It's just what we've always wanted to brighten up our shabby old capital city — a 500ft Ferris wheel right opposite the Mother of Parliaments. It'll be twice as high as Big Ben, so from the top you 'l be able to wave to Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells. . Nothing could so precisely encapsulate the low-grade nature of John Major's post-

Thatcherite Britain — unles it be those two pyramids of baked beans outside Tory Central Office. Its sheer vul garity goes perfectly with the idea of Hezza as Mayor of Lonby what he said on Thursday he regards as a cut above being deputy to the Boy from Brixton. You only get the full flavour of it, however, if you are old enough to remember what

further on there is a lumpy brown heap of concrete which resembles the London Zoo's Mappin Terraces, though it is 10 times the size and lacks monkeys. The few remaining waterside warehouses, though they are derelict and crumbling, are still more elegant than anything that, on present form, is likely to replace them. Perhaps the only consolation is that most of the tatty new buildings won't remain standing for long. But alas, those New Mappin Terraces would probably survive anything short of a nuclear attack. Come, friendly bombs . . .

🗆 TONY Blair's idea of an alected, independent mayor for London missa memories of the distant days when there still was a Greater London Council, and it was actually controlled by the Tories. One day, when Prime Minister Ted got stuck in a traffic jam on the way back to Downing Street after question time, the great man indignantly lifted the phone and ordered the Number 10 switchboard to get the Leader of the GLC on the

Now, the Number 10 reputation for finding people. no matter where they may be. It is said that they once contacted a medium when Mac-millan tried to phone someone he'd forgotten was dead. So they set about finding the Leader of the GLC for their

hotel built cheek-by-jowl with Tower Bridge and the Tower itself. A few hundred yards

No pressure, no pea

Until the Qana camp massacre, Israel had the tacit support of the West as well as a few Arab states for its latest Lebanese adventure. Such cynicism courted disaster, says IAN BLACK, Illustration: PETER TILL

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briefed." cautions a jokey poster in the headquarters of Unifil, the UN force whose base at Qana became a charnel house of decapitated babies, severed limbs and charred corpses after Thursday's Israeli artillery attack. Yet there is nothing incomprehensible about the strictly military locic of what

happened in those frenzied minutes of shelling: Israeli gunners were simply firing back, with devastating inaccuracy, after Hizbullah

guerrillas loosed off another salvo of Katyusha rockets a few hundred yards away. Nor is there any reason to disbelieve the laconic explanation by the Israeli chief of staff: "We fought Hizbullah ... and when they fire on us, we will fire at them to defend ourselves," said General Amnon Shahak, "I don't know of any other rules of the game, either for the army or for civilians." Before Thursday, arguments about Israel's offensive focused on the question of pro-portion: was it right to use air

handful of guerrillas who en-joy at least passive popular upport because - their broader fundamentalist Ideology apart - they are fighting to liberate their country from foreign occupation? Israeli attacks on power stations provided a sinister hint that Lebanon's economic severed in 1967 or 1973. recovery after years of civil war would not be allowed to take place if there was no peace in Galillee. By the rules of this dangerous game, a disaster was always possible. Zionism and the disposses-sion and discrimination it Yet until those shells ploughed into the Qana base world reaction had been strikthan ever before. ingly low-key: the United States tacitly supported the onslaught while elsewhere is-

Israelis since 1982 but none recently? And was it justified to terrorise 400,000 Lebanese into leaving their bornes

because of the actions of a

intifada duty in the alleys of Nablus. Palestinians were em rael enjoyed novel understanding of its right to selfdefence: even Arab responses boldened by their successful were muted. challenge to the status quo. John Major, well-meaning came to terms with their hisbut shallow, appeared to con-fuse Hizbullah with the IRA and said nothing justified tory and grudgingly accepted that half (or even less) a loaf was better than none. Arabs

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violence while a peace process (rejected by the Lebanese elsewhere recognised their societies faced even tougher fighters) was going on. Michael Portillo did not think problems than Israel. And as Israel opened new the Israeli response bassies and old lobbyists disproportionate.

abandoned propaganda for trade promotion, wide support It is hard to exaggerate the for the peace process strength-ened the feeling that the world significance of such supportive noises. Since the agreement between Israel and the PLO in September 1993, the really had changed, that the old conflict was winding Jewish state has broken out of down, that there was after all, its isolation and re-estab lished ties many countries

going to be a happy end. Last November's assauch tion of Yitzhak Rabin by a right-wing Jew gave peace a martyr while Islamist suicide bombers and dismembered Before that, coinciding with the end of the cold war, the ideological sting of a century bodies in the shopping malls of Tel Aviv raised the stakes of confrontation was drawn as higher. Even Yasser Arafat emerged, de-demonised, and embraced a tacky democracy designed to legitimise -- and hopefully develop -- the self-Post-modern Israel worried more about markets than terrule deal with Israel. As the tectonic plates

shifted, Shimon Peres's vision of a "new" Middle East shimgered: the Arab economic boycott faded, secret friendships with Morocco and Jordan came out of the closer and there were public forays to the Gulf. Last month's

process."The slightest leniency towards the Zionists will make them bolder and more brutal." Ayatollah Ali Khamensi pronounced yester day. Less tolerance of Iran, some argue, may moderate its behaviour.

RAN is looking back, but others need to look ahead. As this week's deaths will be a grintly effective recruiting sergeant for Hizbullah, Israel must make i much clearer than it has that it does not wish to stay in Leb anon. Its border "security zone" has been there since 1978 — encouraging the problem it is designed to keep at

An unequivocal promise of withdrawal could coax Syria to rein in Hizbullah and the government in Beirut to take over its own backyard. The phrase "no territorial ambitions" echoes hollowly in the history of this century, but it is true — for Peres at least and it should be spelled out. And Israel needs to remem-

ber what many thought, over-optimistically, it had already learned: that there are limits to force and a heavy price to be paid — in international opprobrium and willing gen-

stood in almost the same place 45 years ago. It was the site of the Festival of Britain, intended by the Attlee government to cheer us up after 12 years of war and austerity. Its centrepiece — apart from the Festival Hall — was the Doma of Discovery, together with an ingenious stainless steel fountain which looked beautiful and sounded like the sea That event was mocked by the Torles of the day - until they realised what a popular

success it was. Goodness knows what those same Tories, most of whom are long dead, would have made of a Sout Pervis wheel But the tragedy is that, allied to what has happened to London's river in the past couple of decades, this piece of swaggering philistinism isn't exceptional. Anyone who takes a boat trip from Westminster pier to Green wich will see commercial vulgarity run riot, in which each new building along the route outdoes the last in sheer

master. They eventually raised him, fast asleep in a hotel bed in Tokyo. "Prime Minister for you sir," and the bright voice. And on came an incandescent Ted, ranting on about traffic chaos in Whitehall. Persons tempted to run for mayor should bear this in mind

□ IT IS a bizarre thought, but it is possible that Dr Kalim Siddiqui, who died this week, might not have suffered his faial heart attack if he had been in jail for incitement to violence instead of attending an Islamic conference in South Africa. By most people's standards, jail is where he should have been, after repeatedly endorsing the Iranian fatwa against Salman Rushdle and insisting it should be carried out.

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 THE following handwritten sign has been spotted in a north London butcher's window: "Eat our finest Scotch One of the worst is a ghastly beef — you won't get better."

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OR any young offender lacing the glasshouse following this week's plans to shove vobbos into military prison, here are some tips from an ex-Royal Fusilier who, with his brother, has been there:

"One little corporal by the name of Smith, who was cuarding us. was really terrified at the thought of

strikes and artillery barrages

Katyusha rockets — primitive weapons that have killed 12

against Hizbullah's

they set up an East End

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other handy hints on glass-

house life can be found in

Born Fighter, by Reg Kray

murder. The above and

(Century, 1990).

both received life sentences

ghosts, so I used to play on this and frighten the life out

of him in the carly hours." So successful was the technique that the terrifed corporal ended up making cups of tea for the offender to ensure some company during the spooky small another company or (b) Railtrack. hours. This experience, followed by a stretch in Shepton Mallet army nick. did our man and his brother a power of good. Mrs Widdecome would have been deeply impressed by their subsequent rehabilitation. After National Service, two on reassuring a public scared by differently-intel-

RIVATE Rail is a won-derful organism that has spawned dozens of fleas. A letter winged back from the office of the company president, expressing blazer-wearing passenger ock and borror. It listed information types on the concourses of every big ter-minus; each is charged with the remedial measures taken: the coach had been identified and immediately explaining that he is unable withdrawn, then shunted to to answer the query of the moment because it falls the repair yard, where it had been stripped to the within the bailiwick of (a) chassis. Furnishings, woodwork and upholstery had been incinerated. Our com-He could learn from the plainant had been deeply impressed by American efcomplaints-handling proceficiency until, on disposing dure of a long-ago American railway management. of the envelope, he discovwhose "confidence-rebuildered inside a slip of paper ing measures" may incldenbearing the scribbled mestally teach MAFF a thing or sage: "Cludy — send this guy the bug note."

NINE years ago, Dame Iris Mucdoch -- fore-warned, perhaps, of the downpour of millennial lected cattle. The story surfaced in a newspaper letters column — a British traveller told how he had written new agery and risible techno-drivel that would to the above-mentioned company. complaining of a drench the current decade restless night in a sleeping car, the restlessness caused -constructed a scene in by repeated attacks from The Book and the Brother-

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1987) in which a character, Rose Curtland, faced with a shiny-eyed radical-cha merchant, declares: "I hope and believe that in what remains of my lifetime I shall still be able to go out and buy half a pound of but-ter and a copy of the Times." Either Rose's fictional life ended shortly after publication, or she will have been grievously disappointed. Batter is, courtesy of the Belgian Empire, no lon sold in half-pounds. There remains a publication called the Times, but it may not be quite what Rose had in mind. To banish the shock of the new associated with re-reading even quite recent works such as this, Smallweed proposes a Fic-tional Nomenclature (Compulsory Updating) Bill, requiring publishers to

hood (Chatto and Windus, ing merely about metrication and officialese, although both Ray Bradbury's Centigrade 233 and Alistair Maclean's Ice Station Zulu are long over due. Nor will the measure be confined to novels; post ry must do its bit, even if The Spring Bank Holiday Weddings will have P A Larkin rotating in his grave. Cinema too: with the demise of Maida Vale, Ray Milland will have to Dial 0171 372 6046 for Murder. And political correctness surely demands Humphrey Bogart sits out the second world war in Dar el Beida.

HURCHWARDENS, Gan inoffensive enough bunch of people, may, we fear, be the latest targets for Strength through Joy (otherwise known as the Health of the Nation fitness drive). The Government's "suggestion" that non-smoking ought to be the

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"norm" in enclosed public places (does anyone else find peculiar the idea of these misfits laying down "norms" of any descrip-tion?) bodes ill for the wardens and their pipes. It had been our understanding that the two perks of the job were the power of arrest (within church precincts) and the right to spark up in church. Places

of worship are undeniably enclosed public spaces, but Church House is, as they say, relaxed. A spokesman explained there is nothing in canon law conferring smoking rights, although he added the heartening news that there is "no blanket ban" on anyone firing up in an Anglican church. Smallweed turned to our ecclesiastical historian, Cambridge's Reverend Pro-fessor Owen Chadwick, for by anyone in church, he

said, would almost cer-

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tainly be considered "indecoroas behaviour". Ah. But hard-hitten addicts in the Italian Catholic priesthood, he recalled, had found a way around such censorituesa) smuff.

PRINCE Edward may be throwing in the towel on the class system, but Brazilian royalty is made of sterner stuff. The last emperor, Pedro II, was hoofed out in 1889, but the Orleans and Braganza family, no doubt cheered by the 12-odd per cent pro-restoration share of a 1993 referendum, may be playing a long game. Not only does it boast its very own environmentloving prince, Joao, but someone is going to have to be head of the Portuguese commonwealth, currently under construction. Portugal, alas, is a republic, as is a definitive ruling. Smoking every other member. At the moment, that is. Viva O Imperador!

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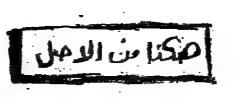
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FTHE Queen's 70th birthday is marked this weekend with muffled cheers, that of her most loyalist subject Ian Paisley passed almost entirely unremarked a fortnight ago. Yet the sight of the Big Man at 70 makes you think. He can't boom on forever. And because he can't, an important moment is approaching Northern Ireland politics.

One of these days, maybe soon or a few years away yet, Paisley will depart the scene. When Paisley goes, so will the Paisleyites. The Democratic Unionist Party may continue for a while under the leader-A a wine unter the leaner ship of the gospel singing Wil-lie McCrea, but its basic raison d'etre will have disappeared. For the DUP is Paisley's party, and without him it is nothing. But where will all his thou-sends of votes go? Paisley's party still regularly polls around 30 per cent in Northern Indiand elections. With those votes up for grabs, Ulster poli-tics will inevitably face another of its periodic realignments. The fringe loyalist par-ties may well benefit from the DUP's eclipse, and their emergence will be important, but the big winner will almost cer-

The sticking point is about Northern Ireland's unhedged right to decide whether to remain within the Union

tainly be David Trimble's Ulster Unionists. This is an important pros-pect. The divisions of Unionism have been a leitmotiv of the Ulster situation for nearly a quarter of a century, ever ance the old Ulster Unionist Party split in the early seven-ties overdirect rule. That split Westminster is no longer in its own hands, it also marks a wider diminishing of that government's authority as a The Irish government faces the self-same problem. Like its London counterpart, it is increasingly a lame duck

administration. Flanna Fail strengthens at Fine Gael's expense all the while, and the Irish Labour Party has been humiliated in recent byelec-humiliated in recent byelec-ticos. In other words, both John Major and John Bruton come to the negotiating table with everyone aware that their successors are bovering outside the door. outside the door.

Even the Americans, who for many months have pro-vided the momentum and underwritten the process, may not now be quite as reliable as before. Bill Clinton's need for

the Irish vote is time limited; after November, it no longer matters. The White House is much less interested in Ireland since the end of the ceasefire, and in any case it now has bigger crises to deal with in the Middle East

Yet against all this must be set the fact that the process goes on. In spite of another IRA bomb in London this week, the Government launched its bill to enable Northern Ireland to hold pre negotiation elections in six weeks time. Few now expect those elections - which appeared so bitterly controversial when they were announced only a few weeks ago — to be hoycotted either by the nationalist SDLP or even by Sinn Fein.

And this is not the only surprise. Privately, there is a remarkably ready acceptance among politicians of differing stripes that the IRA will set off a few bangers and then make a crowd pleasing announce-ment of something approxi-mating to a cease for as the May 30 polling day nears. Even more striking is the politi-clans' recognition that they will get away with it. Sim Fan's bitterest foes believe that Gerry Adams and his team are likely, in the end, to turn up with a mandate for the talks on June 10 and that, after a lot of complex choreography to avoid emberrassing public, encounters, they will all end

up inside the same building on the same day. Too optimistic? Ou

Marriage of inconvenience **Queen Beatrix (left)** disapproves but Holland and Hawaii are set to

nove in together." It is unlikely, however, that thou-sands of same-sex couples would immediately rush to the altar in the event of alter III III average and the second second



Gial to be gay? Lisa Grant and Jill Percey at home and (below) a mass homosexual wedding in Trafalgar Square

eventually hardened into the current OUP-DUP divide, enabling the British government to play one side against the other, never more obviously than in the current peace process. You could even say that without the split, there might have been no process. Britain wouldn't have dared. But that era is drawing to a close! Within a decade, Trimble stands to remite the majority of Unionists under one banner. In that case, Northern Ireland politics would change very fundamentally. Unionism, albeit in a modernised form, would be stronger than for a whole generation - with substantial implications for nationalist ireland.

This is all hypothetical. But it would be a mistake not to realise that Trimble has a serious strategy for placing Unionistn at the centre of Northern Ireland life once again. And it would be a mistake not to grasp that this strategy has direct implications for the climactic next few weeks of the embattled peace process. The present state of the

peace process presents a con-tradictory picture. On the one hand, it is collapsing. The basic equation which made it work ible if there was an IRA cease-fire. Now there is none. It was supposed to be conditional on some sort of IRA decommissioning. There is no sign of

that either. Something else of impor-iance has changed too. When the peace process started in 1993, Britain had a government with a majority of 21. Today it has a comprehensive with a has a government with a majority of one. Not only does

bly. But in any case, that is where the really hard part is supposed to start. That first session on June 10 is increasingly billed as the long delate mothem of truth. For this is mothent of truth. For this if when, according to the script, Sim Fein will have to say! where they stand on the -t---decommissioning proposils and the six principles on democracy and non-violence set out in the Mitchell report as the basis for further talks And then? Well, put if this way. In the end it is Britain, or the Unionists whome the

apart from two things: they never argue and they are for not the Unionists, whose the more fussed about deciminisbidden to marry. As lesblans their love dare not -- cannotspeak its name in a Register Office. sioning and the rest. Rue real sticking point is about North-ern Ireland's unhedged right to decide whether to female within the Union. This, as Nonetheless, they have held a self-devised "wedding" con-sisting of readings from always, is the crunch is favourite poems and an exchange of gold rings over vows composed themselves, before a small gathering of family and friends. "We wanted to make a And, certainly, anyone who believes that Trimble, let alone Paisley or Adams, (an ulti-

mately compromise on that is genuinely deluding themselves. The crunch may not come on day one. But it is incredibly hard to see how it can now be avoided jefore long.

now be avoided jeffore long. Strangely, one begins to sense that this may actually be the outcome which suits most people best. It is increasingly obvious that Twny Blair does not want to inherst a walking wounded peace process. Deep down, the Irish government may now feel that enough is enought on Juw the IRA the enough too. For the IRA, the strains of peaternaking with-out peace have clearly proved too demanding. They, like the nationalist philificians, may take refuge in the expectation that Catholic Northern Ireland will now lie back and breed for victory. Ian Paisley could retire, claming another great triumph over the Antichrist. And David Trimble? As he knows better than anyone, time is on his side too.

promises to her. As far as I am concerned, I am married." But not in the eyes of the law. At least not in Britain. Offellow European Union states, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands already grant same easy cou-ples limited legal recognition, but the Dutch parliament took the lastic of gay marriage rights into endgame this weak when it voted to allow samesex partners to marry. Barring an extraordinary intervention by the cabinet or Queen Beatrix — who is reported to be horrifled by the idea — the decision should be

public statement that we were committed to each other," says

Jill. 'There taken vows and I

wear a ring. Lisa has made promises to me, I have made

ILL PERCEY and Liss Grant heve

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ratified within a year.

Meanwhile the supreme court in Hawaii has ruled that the islands' ban on gay mar-

marriage, ALEX SPILLIUS meets a gay couple and predicts that if we don't change, European law will

riage is unconstitutional. If a challenge by the state of Hawaii attempting to uphold the ban fails, the rest of the US, reactionary deep south and all, would probably be forced to follow mut. follow mult. The implications of the -

legalise same-sex

Dutch vote, in particular, are enormous. Presently, a mar-ried heteromonal Dutch cou-ple residing in Britain are recognised as such in UK law. Would the same apply to a homosexual Dutch comple legally wed in their own country?

If the prediction of gay activ ists also materialised — that hundreds of British gay and hundreds of British gay and lesbian couples would bop over to Amsterdam for instant legal weddings — that raises another enormous question: would the UK authorities then spouses of heterosexual have to acknowledge their bond as they currently do in the case of a straight couple married alcosed?

The Dutch are a little tetchy on this point, fearing their rep-utation for liberal excess in the eyes of disapproving neigh-hours would merely lurch from drugs to marriage tour-ism. A spokesperson at the London embasey firmly state Initial regimers required a legal residence permit — com-monly granted after three months — before they can marry, but the view at the con-sulate was that some munici-nultties wight he has burgen. palities might be less bureau cratic than others.

It is not hard to envisage a radical town hall quickly gaining renown among gay com-



bourg has strong similarities. Lisa, a 28-year-old clerical offi-cer working for British Rail, will soon meet her employers at an industrial tribunal. As the right-wing press has give fully noted, she will be represented by Cherle Booth, who will argue on Lisa's behalf that her partner should be granted the same travel perks as

employees. BR's rejection of her claim would perhaps be justified if Jill and Lisa's partnership did not constitute a family. But that begs the highly fraught question — what is a family? Two people living together, committed to each other for life, with a cat and three dogs -one of which awkwartily delights in licking my writing hand at great length -- as Jill and Liss are, might seem a perfectly functional definition We are so normal it's not true," says Jill, aged 36, who is a murse at Winchester General Hospital, "We get up, go to

work, pay our taxes, come home, and go to bed. We used to go to the local for the pub quiz but we don't even do that any TODES

Home is a cosy, two-bed-roomed tarrecad bouse in East-leigh with a decorative theme if one partner in a same-ser couple of 20 or 30 years dies, the other would have no claims dominated by animals - pictures, wall hangings, models and plates depicting little furry things abound. In the three whatsoever, other than through a will. .Jill and Lisa have adopted a years since they met, Lisa has converted Jill to football, and every other evening is spent on the solt in front of a match. "People think that being gay is only about sex. But there are so many couples like us who Just get on with life quietly. We didn't plan to get involved in a legal case, it just happened." For gays and lesbians, the marriage issue is much more about equality under the law than the right to walk down the aisle; about the dull benefits of wedlock such as tax allowance, transferable pensions and property inheritance, not to mention joint membership of are held for leshian couples. As Jill quipped: "What do leshians do on their second date? They

little-known device which is gaining popularity in the com-munity, called "enduring power of attorney", by which each partner is effectively nominated as next of kin in the presence of a lawyer. Every year a thousand or so "wedding" caremonies are conducted, chiefly through the auspices of the Gay and Les-bim Humanist Association and the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement Around 65 per cent of the latter organisation's blessings

the local gym. As things stand,

ments Mark Watson, who is in charge of parinership issues at Stonewall, the gay rights pressure group. "We are talking about the conservative end of the gay spectrum, people who want a mortgage and to watch videos on a Saturday night, not techno bunnies on Ecstasy This is what straight people would like gay people to be doing --- having stable relationships. Both political parties are pushing for long, stable, monogamous relation-ships in society — why shouldn't those be gay?" For David, a London man agement consultant in his thir-fies, it was particularly galling to attend two weddings recently of old heterosexual friends, who had spent their twenties swearing they would never marry, and both of whom had been with their partners for less than the five years he has been with this Brazilian boyfriend, Joao. The issue is extra-sensitive because Joao, who has studied and worked here for nine years, is facing deportation Marriage, of course, would in-stantly solve the problem. The logic of a single Europe

suggests that in the next cen-tury homosexual marriages will be permitted across the EU. Undoubtedly it would produce a major stink from right-wing politicians and newspapers, and the church. But Jill at least is convinced that opposition would fade quickly. "I think attitudes are changing. Sure, there is discrimination in the workplace, but I have never been abused or

harassed because of being gay. I am completely out at work and there is no aggro at all. The neighbours have never been a problem. It's just not as unpopular an issue as people make out."

A sad case of top order collapse

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We humiliate and revile our leaders. And sport is no longer the only culprit, says RICHARD WILLIAMS

F THE game of cricket can be said to justify its continued existence by providing a convenient running metaphor for the condition of the country, this week's noisy election for the two vacant places on the England cricket team's selection committee surely symbolised the contemporary crisis whose status as an active of national leadership.

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The chairman of the selectors resumes his duties this weekendiat the head of a five-strong committee including one fellow who recently tried to usurp him, another whose appointment he attempted to veto, a third with whom his relationship became traught during last winter's taurs, and a fourth

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man's view, have disbarred him from consideration. same men could be found to compete so vigorously for the two vacant seats. After all, the fats of a successful candidate is practically guaranteed. After a couple-of defeats, he finds himself caricatured on the back pages as a vegetable. Then the fun goes out of it when es as a vegetable. Then



some long ago romantic indiscretion is paraded across the front page. But most people would agree that the England cricket team, which has won only 19 of its last 100 Test matches, is getting the leadpean Championships on

·.. ership it deserves. In this, the cricketers share the malalse of the England football team, which has not won a tournament in 30 years and now, as it prepares to contest the forthcoming Euro-

ciary is compromised by home turf, finds itself under the supervision of a man whose stewardship has been undermined by allegations politics. The Bank of Eng-land and Lloyd's of London no longer represent finan-cial probity. The public utilof financial impropriety. In rugby, although the sta-tistical record is better (the ities are run by the "find-the-lady" card trickster gangs who hang out in Oxford Street. (Nor, I hasten England team failed to reach the final of last summer's World Cup, but won this winter's Triple Crown), the mood is no betto add, would one wish to claim any special virtue on behalf of the management of national newspapers, whose selection of editors is often ter. For most of last winter

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the management seemed at mixotic and calamitous.) And Tony Blair, you say? odds with its own players. And the Davis Cop tennis Impossible to judge until he is given real responsibility. Leaders do exist, people of team? Don't even ask. But then in what area does Britain enjoy leadership that can be described as satimagination, temperate isfactory? The monarch and

voice and sensible judgthe ruling political party ment. God only knows why the Church of England is not represent a serious embarheaded by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, Jim Thomprassment to anyone repre-senting Britain abroad. The established church, having son, and his colleague at abrogated its duty of moral leadership, has all but phys-Oxford, Richard Harries, whose civilised doubts and ically vanished. The judicertainties are instead dis-

seminated via the Today

programme. Such people even exist within sport, although they are usually found in the branches where individualion is rewarded. A different application of the talents of Frank Williams, Patrick Head and Ron Dennis - the men behind the grand prix cars of Senna, Mansell, Prost and Damon Hill -- would probably transform British

industry. In only one respect does the management of the cricket team provide an encouraging, if perverse, les-son. When they appointed illingworth, a horny-handed son of Yorkshire, the results were no better than they had been under a Home Courties toff, E R Dexter. Perhaps the equality of failure demonstrates that this is, as Prince Edward insists, a ssless country after all

16 LETTERS TO THE EDIT Transports of delight

WO myths need to be addressed in your cov erage of Labour's transport policy - or rather the Transport 2000 policy which appears to have been la-belled as a product of the Labour Party (Labour targets company cars, April 18). The first is that company cars are under-taxed, the second that Labour can shift expenditure from roads to other forms of transport where investment is desperately needed.

Company cars are taxed on the basis of personal benefit our own detailed assessment of running costs shows clearly that the current rates do represent what a driver would have to had paid him, or her, self in order to run an equivalent pri vate car. That is precisely the aim of taxing benefits in kind. There remains, nonetheless, a legitimate concern about the way in which the current system encourages drivers to reach 18,000 business miles in order to reduce the tax paid. The roads programme has

been cut massively over recent years. Initially, the main vic-tim was the bypass programme which, if done properly, can bring social and environmen tal benefits to communities suffering from heavy traffic. Now, however, the cuts are such that road maintenance and local road-safety schemes are disappearing. The lack of maintenance in

particular is merely building up bigger bills for later. Any suggestion that what remains can be moved to other investment is dangerously mislead-ing and ignores the desperate need for massive and new investment in transport. (Dr) Jeremy Vanke. Head of Public Policy, **RAC Motoring Services.** 14 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BL.

HE plans you report on company cars are right on target. I have worked for companies where the company car was a compulsory "benefit," regardless of whether you already owned one privately, or whether you wanted one, because it was cheaper for the employer to give you a car in lieu of a better salary.

Once you have your comput-sory company car, you then face low-usage tax penalties if you prefer, as I did, to visit clients by train whenever possible — this stimulates many spurious car journeys. Alternatively, if you use your

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own car for "business pures" you can claim expenses of 40p per mile or more — an outrageous scam which, again, stimulates unnecessary trips. The incremental cost of each journey is very low, especially if you have free parking. A charge on business parking spaces is an excellent idea. Rik Andrew. Vice-chair, Transport Working Party, Local Agenda 21 (Richmond), 82 Elm Grove Road, London SW130BS.

HE proposals outlined in your report go no-

where far enough. It is high time to invoke the principle of "the polluter pays". Almost every town and city in the UK has areas of poor air quality caused by cars. High levels of tropospheric ozone — a secondary, ex-tremely-toxic pollutant formed by sunlight acting on car ex-hausts — affects vast areas of the countryside and the Southeast is one of the worst affected areas. In the same way that smokers pay a lot of tax for a habit that poisons them, it is only just that motorists should pay a lot more for the damage they cause to all our health. Charlie Troumbell. 160 Springfield Road, Brighton BN1 6DG.

COURSE the car industry is worried by any plans to reduce its dominance over transport policy. Yet if the heads of this industry were a little more forward-looking they would see not economic disaster but opportunity. Instead of producing and selling the environmentally hostile executive car, smaller electric models could be developed to transport people to and from train stations, cheap and flicient minibuses could be developed for local transport vstems, and manufacturers

could even compensate for lost profits by creating a new mar-ket for high-tech bicycles. The main problem with such proposals is not that they are unworkable but that they lack the fun and glamour which car advertising still manages to as-sociate with buying and run-ning a car. This could be overcome by using the vast sums currently spent on marketing and advertising cars to promote. improve and even glam-orise, public transport. Sumantro Ghose. 17 Warren Street. London W1P 5DB



Nine missiles aimed at Israel

that listening was done in the dark, as Israeli rockets had destroyed two power stations in Beirut, I stood in the Beka's valley and watched Israeli war planes circling overhe throughout the day, seeking their targets and watching their destruction — unchallenged, for Lebanon has no air force. This is not Lebanon's war

and Lebanon cannot stop it. The war will only stop when the world puts enough pres-sure on Israel and Syria for them to stop treating Lebanon as a pawn in their endless war game, and sort out their differences around the table instead of through the buffer of an in-nocent people. I returned to Britain saddened at what I had seen and angered at the indif-

CLLOWING Michael Petillo's logic, can we now expect the British govern-HE killings of civilians by the Israelis has elicited no condemnation by the Jewish ment to sanction air strikes and Christian leaders who against Ireland in response were very quick to demand such action from Muslim lead the next bomb planted by the ers when Jewish blood was split. It seems that, for the IRA? Arun Arora Jews and Christians and their secular friends, Muslim blood 144 Seily Park Road, Birmingham B29 7LH.

counts for nothing. We saw the indifference of the West on the killing and rape of Muslims by the Ortho-dox and Catholle Christians in Bosnia. The blind support for Israel is just a continuing examples of the West's hypo-critical stand on humon rights. Abmed Versi.

Editor, The Muslim News. PO Box 380, Harrow. Middx HA26LL

More income tax please, we're British

WHILE the Labour Party should in no way be committed to specific tax proposals before taking office, it is of vital importance to make it clear that the principle of progressive taxation and the objective of social justice have by no means been discarded and are fundamental to our purpose (Short's tax remark em-After 17 years of Conserva-ive government have inreased inequality more than p any other European country and gravely croded basic servces, we wish to restate our commitment to a fair tax systen. Those who can afford to pat must make a contribution commensurate with their means towards the social costs which are essential to the cre-Fainst society It in the interest of us all to reverse the trend towards a morelivided, allemated and crisis ridden society. This will not bepossible if we refuse to challedge the idea of culting taxes it benefit those already well-offend neglecting the resi Stan Newens MEP. Hugh Kerr MEP. Alex Faconer MEP Duvid Marris MEP. Michael Hindley MEP. Ken Coates MEP. Norman West MEP. Alf Lomas MEP. 92 Ladbroke Grove,

URRAY for Clare Short. It's good to pay taxes — it gives us roads, schools, hospi-tals, disposes of our rubbish, and generally makes life livable. This is a rick society, , yet there is still poverty. I don't mind if the rich have big incomes. I do mind that they do not pay enough tax. Society contributes so much more to them, why shouldn't they con-tribute more to society? Tom Innes. 64 Monnow Street, Monmouth NP5 3EN.

A S pensioners (on index-linked pensions), we have brought up three daughters who attended excellent schools, free of charge, and have benefitted greatly from the NHS. This government has

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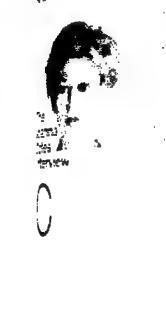
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BESIDES the possibility of prison, serious questions remain after the Mawhinney defendants' trial (April 17). Ôn their own admission, the prosecution threw unprecedented resources at what was, in their new, an open and shut case. Where, other than in terrorist and murder cases, does the CPS allocate a special caseworker and carry out forenale experiments on pots of paint and shabby suite? Was it any-

thing to do with police embarassment at taking 20 minutes to respond to a 999 call by an MP outside Parliament on the day of the Queen's Speech? Do the victims of race attacks have their cases investigated with the same diligence? Michael Schwarr. **Bindman** and Partners, Solicitors of Mawhinney defendants). 275 Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8QF.

access to employment; their tousing conditions are appall ing, and the dread of eviction ever-present. They also have an achingly powerful dream of the home where they, or their parents or grandparents. once lived. And they have been watching a peace process unfold south of the border which seem to ignore their plight. Of course supporting Hizbullah seems attractive - 50 years on, no one else seems to be offering them any hope of things ever changing. Bombing Ain el-Hilweh does not change anything either — it

> round. Pat Simmons, 60 Quarry Road. Headington, Oxford OX3 8NX.

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weh camp, which they bombed

this week. contain many Hiz-

Ain el-Hilweh — and Bourj al-Berajneh and Shatila camps —

tal building: more than 100 families, with five toilets, five cookers, and five sinks be-

water from a tap outside. I saw peple living in bombed build-ings with no external walls.

Lebanon's Palestinian refu-

gees must be some of the

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in November. I met families squatting in tiny one-room homes in a dilapidated hospi-

bullah supporters? I visited

pause to wonder why

places like Ain el-Hil-

WAS in Lebanon from last Thursday until this Tuesday, in the home of a Lebanes friend I had no answer to the tearful cry of his 14-year-old daughter: "Why are they doing this to our country again?" I could only listen in silence to the lament of my friend as he faced hundreds of refugees seeking shelter in his school that was due to re-open for students the next day after the Easter holiday. Much of

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ference of so many of th world's so-called superpowers. Richard Clark. 24 New Road. Broxbourne Herts EN107LW.

NCE again the shameful double standards of the West in its treatment of the two sides in the Arab-Israeli conflict have become all too transparant. If international law and standards of behaviour are perceived to have been broken by Arab or Muslim countries such as Libya, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan, the full might of the western alliance and the UN is brought to bear on these countries. When, however, the Israelts behave in a bar baric and disproportionate manner, the United States blocks even a statement of censure in the UN Security Council.

Is it any surprise, then, that the Americans and western governments are held in utter contempt throughout the Arab and Muslim world? (Dr) Navidul Haq Khan. Harold Wood Hospital, Gubbins Lane. Romford, Essex.

Finally, but no father forward

ATHERING should not just take place within the home or between the biological father and his children (Letdrawn from their shelves well ters. April 18). Historical interests of maximising their research suggests, for exam-ple, that in pre-industrial Lon Labour's left-wing weekly. The chairman of W H Smith's, don, children were part of a large network of carers not when members of the Tribune board met with him, refused necessarily related by blood who acted as role models. Even in families where the parents are together, the bioogical father alone is simply too narrow a role model for children to learn a balanced view of adult life. Children do need fathers, but they also need grandfathers, godfathers and older male friends. Kampf in 70 of their stores and Mark Dudek. Director, Nurserv Schools free speech. This is clear illustose wich Unit University of Brighton, Lewes Road, Brighton BN2 4AT.

ous sense of judgment in these SINGLE-HANDED parent-blood is no more noble than single-handed bricklaying. It's ust harder. If you bring up kids alone in a deprived area, and they don't turn into Rambo or Hannibal Lector, you debe made redundant. al Clyde Road.

ICHAEL Portillo said on Monday, in support of Is rael, that "every nation is entitled to security". Can he explain why Lebanon does not have that right? During the last 20 years, the number of people killed in Israel by attacks launched from Leba-

non is less than 100. The num-ber in Lebanon killed by Israeli military action over the same period is more than 20,000. Israeli troops continue o occupy hundreds of square kilometres of Lebanese terri-tory, in violation of international law and specific UN resolutions. Lebanon occu-pies zero square kilometers of

sraeli territory. On any objective assess United States condemned Cuba (against the evidence) ment. it is not Israel but Leba non whose security is threatened. By its current massive and illegal bombardment, is-rael is again holding the entire population and economy of Lebanon bostage for the actions of Hizbullah. This is Israel's right to "defend" itsel Canterbury, Kent CT27NP.

Train of thought

Portadown,

YOUR Diary (April 18) sug-gests that Paul Fisher, Railtrack's chief surveyor, was exercising privilege when seen, allegedly at Saffron Wal den, entering a first-class irain carriage. Mr Fisher must be even more privilege than you seem to realise: the only railway serving Saffron Walden closed in 1964. Michael J Smith. 10 Hillview, Swaffha Norfolk PE37 8LA HE Orange Prize for fiction is not Britain's biggest litcary award (When words fail, April 16). Since its inception in 1993, the British Litera ture Prize has in fact been the

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most valuable prize in Brit-ain, worth 240,000. Gary McKeone. The Arts Council Acting Literature Director. 14 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 3NQ. Letters to the Editor may be faxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent by post to 119 Farringdon Road London EC1R 3ER, and by email to letterswirguardian.co.uk Please include a full postal address and daytime telephon number, even in e-mailed

Nice work if you can get it

YOUR correspondent Peter Rose, press secretary to the Nolan Committee, is substantially wrong about payments to quango board members when he states "They are not paid at present, except for the chief executive when on the board (Letters, April 16). A glance at the standard application form and accompanying notes pub-lished by the Cabinet Office Public Appointments Unit, which nominates pro-Unit, which nominates pro-spective quango members, reveals that this isnot the case. A leaflet published by the unit states that "Most are part-time (one to two days a month) and unpaid, thongi travelling and other expenses (eg for

A Country Diary

********** ********************* MACHYNLLETH: Our willow warblers and our shelducks both arrived this week. The warblers had flown maybe 3,000 miles from southern Af-rica. The shelducks flad come only a few hundred yards from the estuary. But for both it meant the start of the breed ng season. For a few we the willow warblers will fill the tress with heavenly song. The shelducks' contribution to the chorus will be less mus cal but just as much a part of the woodland spring as they fly between the leafless oaks to land in grassy clearings in parties of up to a dozen or so. One morning I concealed myself in a thicket by one of their favourite trysting places and waited for them; and very soon they came circling over the wood, making a careful reconnaissance before flutter ing down to stand a minute or two in watchful silence. Then began their courtship rituals among the wood anemones and the springing bluebell leaves. Necks lowered, heads

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axed the boor unfair! through VAT instead of graduating tax by income. We should be prepared to contribute to ential services for all by a fair income tax system. Len and Joyce Doughty 228 Uxbridge Road. Hampton Hill, Middlesex TW12 1AY.

T IS not the amount of tax I pay that troubles me but whether this government is giving me value for money. abour should speak up. D.Johnson. 10 Richmond Avenue, Bognor Regis PO21 2YE.

I childcare) are paid. A few are paid — and some full-time." A covering letter issued by the unit further reveals that other quango members are paid an honorarium, and confirms that "some, however, do require a substantial commitnent of time and are paid." The HMSO annual publica-tion, Public Bodies, which lists hundreds of quangos — including some major local and regional bodies — goes into de-tail about the numerous board nembers who do in fact receive payment, sometimes substantial, for their services. David Northmore. c/o Cassell Publishing Ltd. 125 Strand, London WC2R 0BB.

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nearly on the ground, the chased each other ponder ously, filling the quiet trees with very loud, deeply reso-nant quackings from the fimales and pleasant whistings from the drakes. Then they all stood upright and jerked their necks convulsively. After that, their enthusiasm deflated they stood for several minutes until a new wave of excitement passed through them. With their red beaks, greenlustred black heads, white bodies sashed with chestnut black wings and tails and pink egs and feet, shelducks are fine-looking birds to see in the woods in spring. They nest in old rabbit-holes and similar dark places but I wonder how they choose the best hidingplace? Do they go down each hole to find out if anyone is at nome? And what happens if they discover a vixen down there? Or a stoat or a polecat? It looks as if house hunting could be quite an adventure if you are a shelduck WILLIAM CONDRY

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come to mind.

(Dr) Rosalind Gill.

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CAN the Ros Coward who Iambasis obscurawiism in contemporary Queer theory be the same woman who wrote Language And Materialism, a book which still defeats many a postgraduate with its impenetrable style? Take, for examde, this attempt at summing up: "Thus the socio-familial positioning in relation to dis course is likely to have primary importance in determin ing the definition and reproduction of individuals as

serve a medal. But your success is no argument for saying hat fathers should somehow Totterdown, Bristol BS13DH. London N224XA

(Prof) D A Turner. University of Kent.

gainst Lebanese civilians. Would someone from the UP mbassy like to explain this not a legitimate repouse to errorism -- it is the practice inconsistent policy of terrorism on a huge scale by the Israeli state. behaviour Elizabeth Bird. 53 Mogran Park,

READING Bea Campbell's piece (Good riddance to the

patriarch, April 15) made us wonder what Ros Coward

Make the father figure, April

an attack. Surely we can move on from the earlier radical fem-

prets any attempt to air alter-native views as giving way to

the misogynistic right? Zbyszek Luczynski, David Jackson and Mike Luck.

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ulated to the Germans. The Israelis have been occupying outhern Lebanon contrary to a UN resolution, and therefore the inhabitants of Lebanon

SRAEL occupies part of southern Lebanon; surely

Isouthern Lebanon; surely the Lebanese people have a right to oppose that occupa-tion. The scenario could be ap-plied to Britain during the second world war, had Hitler occupied these abores. Surely no one would argue against the idea that we would have

the idea that we would have been morally justified to fight against German occupation?

HO changed the rules. During the 1939-45 war,

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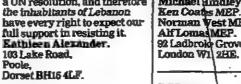
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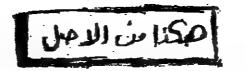
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Regrets? Too few to mention

PHILIP HENSHER grew to like his job as a House of Commons clerk --- until he was sacked

PHILIP HENSHER was a parliamentary clerk when he gave a brief interview to Attitude, the glossy monthly magazine for homosexual men, shortly before publication of his new novel, Hints Finiss a partition of the partition of the second of Clerk and a male prostitute. Among other ques-tions, the magazine asked him: "How many goy MPs are there?" He was quoted as replying: "More than in the general population, About 60? There's a slight bias towards the Tories, N THE end, I worked for the (PhD and a badly faked enthusi-

The Guardian Saturday Applicants

House of Commons for about five and a half years. It was at least three years In was an least three years longer than I'd intended to, and a good deal longer than I'd expected to have my presence endured by the authorities. I'd never had much in the way of loyalty or respect for most of the people I worked for. I should have realised that a

the people I worked for. I should have realised that a finish the thing without hav-5-year-old with a half-finished ing to worry about money. Dis-

"He's got very short legs, his torso goes down to his knees ... Generally MPs are unusually ugh His remarks sumed to be uttended to tan But his employers at Westminster took a differ-ere them.

graceful, I know, to write povels at the taxpayer's asm for advertising and man-agement consultancy is not much of a bet in the job stakes. Kitchen Venom, as it finally What these dubious qualifica-tions did, apparently, fit me for was becoming a House of Comecame, certainly isn't an through to outrage, and I doubt wasn't a clerk. I was struck by how close clerks were to the great, and how little they

t would shock anyone who

I'd been thinking about writing a novel and here was a knew. Behind the concealing mask of anonymity and the casseless shuffle of offices, pri-

vate passions and obsessions were ceaselessly working themselves out.

Word, inevitably, got out, and it was a silly bit of public ity that finally did for me. About three months ago, my publisher set up an interview with a glossy magazine and I saw no reason not to do it. The journalist dutifully asked me about the book. "It's about a Rouse of Commons clork who falls in love with a clerk who fails in love with a rent boy," I said, making the poor thing sound twice as scen-dalous as it really is. "So," he said, "you must have lots of gossin about the place." "No, straid not" I said ir with-fully. "Come on," he said. "Are there any really sery MPSI" "No," I said. "I don't think m Actually I think one of the

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things that encourages people to become a capitidate is being musually ugly." Kitchen Venom, in the

meantime, was making its ray. Some clerks came across it and disquiet was audibly mounting. I had a slightly bizarre letter from a very big cheese in the department warning me against giving a literary reading in the com-pany of political journalists. In the end, the long-forgotten interview came to my rescue. The inevitable hap-

pened, and, on an especially alack day for news, a parlia-mentary diarist picked it up. The game was up. I knew, and knew that the chaps at the top knew, that as soon as the book came out I was going to be

The call came around three clock, just as we were return ng from lunch. The secretary to the Clerk of the House has an usenviable job: the sound of her voice on the telephone is always the harbinger of some terrible rocket. Til come over now," I said to her, putting the

elephone down. Mr Donald Limon, the Clerk of the House, was with the Clerk of Committees --- a very bad sign. I came into his enormous office with its handsome view. The novel was scrupulously not mentioned, but I sever had much doubt that

that was what we were talking about. The Clerk of Commit-tees said nothing, he had difficulty meeting my eye. The Clerk of the House did most of the talking.

"Have you seen this?" he said, pushing the diary piece over to me. "Yes," I said. I told him how it came about. There was no point in arguing about it, so I said that I was offering an explanation but not an apol-ogy. He seemed relieved to hear the ancient formula. He skirted round the words "dismiss" and "sack" with considerable delicacy. Anyone would have thought he was

worried about hurting my feelings, anyone might have thought he wasn't sacking me at all

at all. The interview lasted four minutes. Naturally I set off on a three-day party, from har to bar, courtesy of one delighted former colleague after an-other, "You're the hero of all the courteries". I was to all the secretaries," I was told, a



about. It was a good five years now there are hetter things to

This is an extract from an article in the current Speciator.

Ironing it out with mother

nons clerk

Carol Thatcher inherited two traits from her mother - bossiness and the cold steel to lay the Maggie myth bare



interest," says Carol briskly. Doesn't abe find

this odd? After all, the book is

a biography of Margaret a

husband, Denis, as seen by her only daughter — ian't she

"Oh we're not ones for

mother. The only detail Carol recalls about the night her mother was elected an MP on October 8, 1959, is that "neither of our parents was at home to tuck us into bed". Though Carol --- for whom the phrase "sensible shoes" might have been invented bravely insists she wasn't neglected, one cannot read her book without concluding otherwise. This is a girl who

has spent her entire life feeling in the way. "She [Marga-ret] was prone to calling me by her secretaries' names and working through each of them until she got to Carol."

Even momentous events in her life took second place to those of her mother; such as when her Law Society exami-coincided with the 1975 Tory

leadership election. "What's the matter, darling, my mother asked as I

reasonable request. It is the vahemence with which Carol tells it that makes one start. Three years ago she shifted camp to Klosters, where she made the decision to write about her dad because "I felt my mother had left out the buman dimension from her

own volumes". Lam just about to ember t on another question, when Carol suddenly interrupts in a voice alarmingly similar to you-know-who's. "Do you think we should see if your tape recorder has taped

anything?" I reassure her. "Are you sure? As long as you know. I have had dire isasters with these things! I reassure her again.

"That's fine then. So long as you're totally assured, Joanna," she says in a bossy whisper that implies I should do exactly as abe suggests. "Start on your question again."

Why does she think her parents' marriage has lasted so long? "My mother was a chemist at the time and it wa

But according to the book,

the marriage comes across as

that of two intensely selfish

people, utterly absorbed by their own lives. They rarely

ras absent for most of daggle's early triumphs.

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interfering in each other's business," says Carol. But, surely, a biography of one's husband? "I'd be delighted for her to read it, Joanna, but she's in America at the moment. I'd be delighted for her to read it and tell me what she thinks."

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As Carol bends over to pour us a cup of tea, it is impossible not to recognise the familiar matronly stoop. Didn't her mother even ask for a proof copy? "No." Isn't Carol hurt by this? "No." Why not? "It never occured to me that she might ... Do you find that "Oh dear," she mumbles, "I

can see you think we're really dysfunctional.

Look, I didn't actually interview her for the book. I asked her a couple of things which Denis couldn't remem ber, such as where he'd proposed to her. But she couldn't member either! "I'd like her to read it," she

continues in her army-ish tone. "You know, when she comes back. I hope she will. She's didn't come to the launch party either, because abe's not here." According to Carol's book,

Margaret was never there. Did she ever read the pieces Carol wrote as a journalist? "Not to my knowledge." Pause. "She did have something better to do Joanna!" Below the Parapet is ~

supposed to be a biography of Denis Thatcher. In fact, it turns out to be a far more revealing portrait of the author's relationship with her

sipped a mug of coffee and looked exasperated. written to an equation, she met someone who totally balanced the other side of it."

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When on his numerous each of them until she got to Carol

"Today's exam, mum. " 'Well, you can't be as ner-vous as me,' she chided."

"My overriding memory is of namies whispering 'Shb, nummy's working,' asys Carol grimly, picking at an enormous marbled ring, the size of a small clenched fist. My overriding memory is thinking you have to slog your guts out to get to the top." Having witnessed this slog at close hand, clearly Carol

had no intention of following politics." Is this the sort of relationsuit. After university she fled to Australia. Brother Mark also cleared off, to South Africa. Once in Sydney, she took up reporting, coming back only after "my triends in Oz said I'd be a silly arschole

to miss my mother being the first female prime minister" So she worked on and off for the Daily Telegraph. "My mother said to me, Listen, if you tell your contacts what goes on at Chequers then you sure as hell you't be invited

back again. On the surface, this is a

trips abroad, he never bothered to contact the fan lly. Even at the end, when his wife sat at home moning after her fall, he was more interested in his own social life than offering support. "Margaret's diary was at first virtually blank," Carol writes. "Now it was Denis who, clad in dinner jacket, would prepare to go out while Margaret enquired, What time will you be home dear? and faced an evening alone eating a poached egg on toast. My fathers' friends stayed with him, rain, hall or shine; Margaret's stopped with

ahip Carol would like? "Um. no. If I had a relationship like that I would think there was omething missing." There's no sense of physical may as well do what you want and make your own views ntact in the book; do they still sleep together? Long pause. "Um, yes. They share a bedroom if that's what you come true, particularly if you're single, because sure as hell no one else is going to do it Carol shares her own bedtoom with Marco, . Swiss ski

for you." Her conversation is oddly instructor who, aged 27, is pre-cisely 15 years her junior. punctuated by these sudden outbursts which dissipate as Their three-year relationship fast as they flare up. I wonder, does she want SHITS STADIR HOLISST

her way, she explains, of com-pleting the Number Ten because Marco only learned to speak decent English last year children? "No! One's too old at 42, and I was never in love enough with family life to and Carol speaks no other lan-guage. They rent a flat in Kloa-ters. But what does she actuexperience. have them Moving to Klosters was a big step for me. Forty was a landmark for me, it's so the has just signed up for a ally do there? "I ski a lot. I cross-country ski, I walk a lot. charity cycle race across Rus sia: "It's 20 years since the Russians called my mother the Iron Lady and I rather like asy to get into rutsville." Is that why she's going out with someone youngar, to recepture her youth? "Crikey the idea of Iron Lady Junior It is not the high achieving ife one feels her mother migh edalling across the forest." What will she do after that? So what are the advantages "T've got a few ideas for another book. One hasn't had have expected. "I don't feel the need to live up to other of a much younger boyfriend? "Br, I don't know. We don't sit people's expectations Joanna, It's more satisfying living up to one's own expectations!" there saying "There's a 15-year age gap." Does she notice the age gap? "If he goes out on an all-boys night and they all speak German then I don't go. Time and space to do your

own thing

But Carol is still wrestling with doing her own thing. -Indeed, it seems that she has yet to emerge from under the adow of Downing Street. "I don't want to start every seo tence with When my mother was PM"..." she says. So why write a book about daddy? It's

Chip off the old girder: "The Russians called my mother the from Lady. I rather like the idea of being the Iron Lady Junior"

philosophical talks, Carol with Carol, you know. So does she envy her mother? "No, I'm the first one to say congratulations. If she ever stops her lecture tours I would ... one of my priorities would be to spend the time with her that I haven't in the past, because there is a lot I'd like to talk to about." No doubt. But it seems un

Then she appounces that

likely. What was it Margaret said? "Home is where you go when you have nothing better to do."

As the Italians prepare to go to the polls, JOHN HOOPER looks at a country shackled to its bureaucratic past

The country's pasta saving

THE hill for collecting our refuse arrived the other day from Rome council. What makes this annual event unwelcome is not the amount we have to spend, but the time. One hundred and fifty quid is reasonable, but the half an hour it takes to pay is not. There is, however, no alter-

native. The bill can only be settled at city hall or a post office. We live in the capital of the world's fifth economy yet cannot arrange for our rates to be collected by direct debit. To get hold of the cash, my wife or I will go to an automatic

cash dispenser --- more in hope than expectation. Only some of the Italian banks' machines

recognise cards other than their own, and they are fre-quantly out of operation, usually for assenza di collegamento want of connection"). A Spanish friend who

landed in Rome without any money but cheerfully expected to be able to raise some at the airport, remained penniless. He had to hire a car with his credit card just to get to the city centre.

It is a good job the hire firm gave him a tankfull of petrol. A lot of service stations do not accept the usual, internation-ally-recognised cards and the any recommendaries and the vast majority close for hunch and on Sundays. A lot of what is Italian that is projected in the outside world

cratic inefficiency, but also by practices intended to limit competition and protect this or that interest group. In Rome, you shop for food

in a street mat kat and for othe products in a myriad of tiny shops which close down for at least two hours in the middle of the day. There is not a single department store as big as even, say, the Virgin Mega-store in Oxford Street. The capital is beginning to acquire the acruity charm of ishon. And, almost without exception, Italy's seaside resorts have the look of places that have known better days.

mountain bike. I'm reason-

ably fit in as much as one .

Which are? "When you get to 40 you

drinks too much"

Those better days were in the fifties and sixties, and it may be no coincidence that a number of recent advertising campaigns - for Valentino and Martini, for example have harked back to the lost lensures of la doice vita.

When Italians go to the polls tomorrow, the biggest issue facing them will be how to remodernise their country. It is clear that an entire system which once served them well

distorted by spiralling public debts — has had its day. The choice appears straight-forward. Silvio Berlusconi, on the right, offers them a freemarket revolution. Romano Prodi for the centre-left offers them a less dramatic, but arguably more radical, overhaul, beginning with the education system and almed at closing Italy's growing "skills gap' with the rest of Europe. Either route would seem to offer a way out of the mane. Yet the fealing most allen expressed to me by Italians in the last three weeks has been one of power lessness to bring about the sort of change they ecognize is needed. For a start, Italy is lumbered with a system under which

of constantly changing yet

similar governments, of an economy dominated by pri-

marily small-scale firms and

both houses of parliament have equal powers and in which a quarter of the seats are decided by proportional representation. It makes a clear-cut result almost impos-

sible, Even if one were forth-coming, it is unlikely that the leader of the winning bloc would be able to implement his programme in full. Berinscond's free market Forza Italia movement is expected to be outnumbered

on the right by the National Alliance. Dominated by traditionally corporate former neo-fascists, the National Alliance draws much of its support from Italy's over-staffed public

Professor Prodi, for his part. is backed by a heterogeneous alliance that includes ex-Communists and several people who would be at home on the moderate wing of the Conservative Party. In order to govern, moreover, he is likely to need the support of an unreconstructed Marxist group whose main campaign pledge was to reinstate index-linked salaries for public

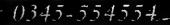
employees. The forces opposing change are not only well-entrenched, but well entrenched at both ends of the political spectrum. PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE PYKE







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Murder she wrote . . . the literary Suzanna Moore, whose new heroine has extraordinary sex with a policeman while fearing, vaguely, for her life

Nightmare on Mean Street

A New York author has taken the city by storm with a graphic story of sex and murder. So what? So this time the author is a woman. CLAIRE MESSUD reports

T TAKES a lot to shock Bret Easton Ellis, the ariter of American Psycho. But Susanna Moore. the 50-year-old author of three nostalgic recreations of chudhood life in Hawaii, has managed it with room to spare Her fourth novel, In The Cut. a tale of brutal murder and rampant sex, even managed to discomfit the New York detectives who for two years helped her research the book.

"Bret [Easton Ellis] told me it was the most shocking thing he had read," Moore told the New Yorker last autumn. when the book was launched in the United States. Tommy Hyland, the detective to whom the book is dedicated. "was upset by it", she said. "But he also said it's what happens. He said it's worse than that."

The New Yorker Interview was the beginning of a media. landslide. Moore's face and statuesque figure subsequently graced the pages of Vanity Fair and Harper's Bazaar. New York magazine. which rarely publishes fiction. excerpted a chapter of the novel, and it was reviewed in gans as diverse as Peop

are similar in focus to her first account of their steamy physical relationship as it is a mur-der mystery. Malloy is not the only creepy guy Frannie has to - evocative accounts of grow-ing up in Hawaii interspersed with acute depictions of the worry about: one of her stu-American let-set. In writing about those dents follows her around at all hours of the night and day, and worlds, Moore was staying she has a male friend who

close to home: the bohemian aristocracy is her natural miseems to be spying on her while walking his dog. But Frannie doesn't fret: lieu. Her friends include the writers Joan Didion and John Gregory Dunne, the aforementioned Bret Easton Ellis, and "sinister", "sexy" and "men" all seem to be synonymous to her. The investigation prothe fashion designer Bill Blass ceeds, the murders continue She is no stranger to New York's society columns, and Frannie loses her one close friend, Pauline — and Frannie she spends six months a year and Malloy have extraorditravelling the globe. nary sex while she fears. vaguely, for her life.

phobic conjuring of Manhat-That it is a book about viotan's seamler side. thus repre sented a dramatic departure lence against women, with an for Moore. She described the unsavoury dénouement, writenesis of the novel to the New enough for the media blitz. But Yorker: "When I was writing the apparent incongruity of author and subject matter was niso a subject of discussion. Moore is no trendy 20-some-

the last Hawaiian novel, I couldn't read literary fiction . . So I read thrillers, and I began to wonder if a woman could really do it rough and dirty, and not write that kind of hame. Sue Grafton shuff. And when I read Vox and Damage I thought, people think this is

sex, this is sexy and erotic?" She calls In The Cut "a love story", and insists that "I never intended to shock, and I didn't want the book to be prurient, lurid or sensational." As she sees it, "Frannie, my heroine, fights the imposed powerlessness of being female, and I just worship her for that. Fran nie's kind of strength may have its price. Yet isn't the other price higher?" Moore's bellaf in female powerlessness is evident throughout her ceuvre.

Women in her earlier novels are molested, raped and beaten as they attempt to estab-lish their independent identi-In The Cut, with its claustro ties, and they endure their suffering without apparent anger, tending to blame themselves. H is peculiar, though, that Moore should consider Francia their opposite, a fighting heroine: ultimately. In The Cut is a portrait of a woman with a deathwish, a literary template of Freud's Beyond The Pleasure Principle. Isolated, self-destructive Frannie is determined to wrest a measure of

opposite gender before - inevitably --- they kill her; that is the best, Moore seems to say, that she can hope for. Regardless of its stylistic merits, a sex-and-death novel such as this is destined to appeal to a different and less liter ary audience than Moore's earlier books. She has insisted though, that she was not commercially motivated: "You can

only write what you can write,

The idea of setting out to write a bestseller doesn't work for me. That very literary integrity may have folled her publish-ers' hopes for sales, at least in the United States. Knopf printed a massive first run of 100.000 copies of in The Cut. but in spite of the intense media coverage, the book never made the national bestseller lists. Why this is remains unclear. In The Cut is but one of a growing number of American books and films to celebrate nasochistic decadence, many of them extremely popular. Moore shares her black vision

with Bret Easton Ellis, Helen

Zahavi and Dennis Cooper, to name but a few. The film Leaving Las Vegas touches a simi-iar chord, A M Homes's new novel. The End Of Alice, about a paedophile murderer's correspondence with a teenage girl is now raising a furore in the States and is selling well. All these works share a jejune and tedious will to shock: their ever-more-challenging goal is to flap an increasingly unflap pable public. In some quarters, at least, a

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backlash is brewing. The New York Times reviewer Michiko Kakutani recently penned an irate diatribe against "designer nihilism", specifically condemning in The Cut along with The End Of Alice and Leaving Las Vegas. Kakutani argued that while "The old ni-hilism of, say, William Burroughs or the Marquis de Sade was deeply adversarial, defiant of bourgeois society and all it stood for", the contemporary penchant for darkness is "sen-

Salad Days ationalism for sensation's sake. Their peek into the abyss isn't philosophically interest ing, it's just an excuse for a selfcongratulatory smirk." It is, she claims, "a phoney yuppie

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apparently watching a Vic torian melodrama with its parade of increasingly cruel images, from which Alden suggests there can be no escape. Margarita murders her baby by pitching it into the fire that has consumed the body of her brother Valentine, and in the final moments of the opera she hangs herself, quite without hope, it seems, of redemption. But this savage pessimism is undercut by moments of black humour — Margarita's suitor Siebel (touchingly done by Joanne Edworthy) brings her not just a bunch of flowers but drags on a whole tree: Margari-ta's guardian Martha (Susan Gorton) is recruited as Mephistopheles' PA, and she lovingly londles his sword just before he kills Valentine. The balance is perfect. In an opera that is far more about the destruction of Margarita than about Faust himself, it's appropriate that the cast should be dominated by Janice Watson's interest Margarita, exquisitely beautiful in the famous Jewel Song. Paul Charles Clarke is a se cure, passionate Faust, Alas-tair Miles a solid, implacable

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gins unprepossessingly - the

turfed lawn, a single ladder as cending to the flies, a circle of

eavy velvet black drapes, and

Faust and Mephistopheles got up as refugees from some local leather bar — it gains steadily

in definition and intensity. When the drapes eventually rise it's to reveal the chorus, all

top-hatted and crinolined,

stage carpeted like a newly

Mephistopheles. All of them commit themselves wholeeartedly to this dark theatri cal vision which deserves to be seen as widely as possible. 13 In Cardiff until April 26, then on tour

blues kind of woman in devial.

Why not swap a guitar or two

for a bit of brass? She has writ

ten some lovely miserablist ongs and has a superb voice.

Andrew Clements

POP Tasmin Archer Bloomsbury, London

the key to Alden's approach, which fixes the opera in the

context of the times from

which it derives - Goethe's

Germany, Gounod's France

and Victorian England. Though the production be-

Within one svilable, she BRIEF note to the Tamin AArcher image revamp department. The new frock doesn't work. In this bizarre concoction of builtons and pleats, she looks like a 15thcentury peasant fresh out of a Howard Barker play. And could we do something about the venue? The Bloomsbury Theatre reeks of dead man's culture. One young chap was seen tapping his knee, but he soon came to his senses. As for the withered, guitarheavy band, no thanks. Even the base player, despite a fetching resemblance to Coronation Street's Reg Holdsworth, doesn't generate interest. Archer comes across 38 a poppy Belinda Carlisle /

inly takes you back.

Today, Salad Days almost seems like two different shows

a reflection, perhaps, of the varied personalities of its com-poser, Julian Slade, and his

partner in the book and lyrics,

The basic story is a child-

retarded Cambridge graduates

invariably far-fetched and farcical, and sitcoms — partly

like fairytale about a magic

plano which falls into the bands of two peculiarly

Dorothy Reynolds

but is yet to make an impression on the charts. She seems to regard "image" as an irrelevance, but it's not. Archer really needs to sell herself. If that means ditching the band, the dress and the deadly venanesty Joan Armatrading hy-brid. But at heart she is a jazzyues, well and good. Simon Hattenston

every 10 minutes — we get an MUSICAL interpolated revue-sketch which aims at a more worldly sophistication. Most of these Vaudeville, London are wiltingly unfurny. To be fair Julian Slade whose aim was to write "in-HE revival of Salad Days sultingly simple music", suc-

weeps down the octaves to a sublime grumbling grittiness It's just a pity we had to wait for the encore for the two best songs. Both Tumbling Tumble Veed and her own In Your Garden are delicate, moving and largely guitar free. As sen sual as hot butter, they send a

quiver straight up the groin. Having launched her career with a number one single, Sleeping Satellite, Archer has taken three years to produce her second album, Bloom, It received wonderful reviews

Time, and the New York **Review Of Books**

Billed as an "erotic thruller" the book tells the story of 34year-old Manhattonite Frannie Thorston, a teacher of creative writing and linguist who is compiling a dictionary of slang (see extract). In the wake of a neighbourhood murder (involving, most horribly, dismemberment — or rather, "disarticulation"), Frannie realizes that she was one of the last to see the young victim alive. She also believes that she saw the woman fellating the inspector who comes calling. Detective James Malloy. Curiousiy, Frannie's im-Book Award. Her two subse-quent novels, The Whiteness Of Bones and Sweet Dreams, pulse is not to five but to seduce the policeman on her doorstep. and the novel is as much an

tional development of sheltered voung women attempting to find their way in the wider world. Raised in Hawall, Moore herself came to New York at 1 and, after a brief stint modelling, moved to Los Angeles, where she read scripts for Warren Beatty and Jack Nicholson and had a small part in the 1967 film The Ambushers. She was married in 1972 to the production designer Richard Sylbert, and had a daughter, Lulu, in 1975. It was only after separating from her husband that she began to write, and her first novel. My Old Sweetheart, published in 1982, was nominated for the National

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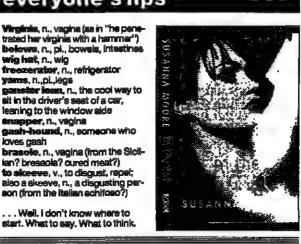
lier works explore the emo-

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The words on everyone's lips

sexual satisfaction from the

The central character of In The Cut. Frannie Thorston, is a creative writing teacher and linguist. In this edited extract, she describes how wig hat, n., wig treezerator, n., refrigerator yams, n.,pl.,legs ihe has started to keep a dictionary in preparation for a paper on New York street slang. leaning to the window side napper, n., vegine It is a fluid list as the words are sometimes in use for only a month or two, the meaning of the word varying in different parts of the city, signifying one thing in ian? bresaola? cured meat?) to sicceve, v., to disgust, repel; n and something else in the Bronx. The words themseives --- In their wit, exuberance mistakenness and violence ---are thrilling to me:



emphasis on liveness that

most pop shows cultivate. It has all the pre-packed artifl-



fashion". Perhaps part of the problem with In The Cut is that it is not sensationalist enough. Dulled by violence in film and talevi sion, in recent years acclimatised to its presence evan in fiction, the public no longer responds with fascination of outrage to the more fictional "disarticulation" of a few women. When Detective Tommy Hyland informed Susanna Moore that "it's worse than that", he merely voiced a truth that we have all come to accept. We are appalled by life's brutality, and art that loes no more than mirror it fails to touch us.

and which has the capacity to set all who hear it dancing. Every time the story looks like expiring of anaemia — say. In The Cut is published in Brital

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on April 26, by Picador

ceeded admirably. Many of the songs are insidiously humma-Whether you wish to return to the era (circa 1954) when the ble. If only Slade's melodic gifts British musical offered such a whimsical plot, such twee were tethered to a narrative that engaged the intellect or the emotions. okes and such an air of prepubertal innocence is a matter

And what seemed hopelessly innocent in 1954 has now acquired the patina of camp. Kit Hesketh Harvey is allowed by director Ned Sherrin to get away with a display that makes Kenneth Williams look like Arnoid Schwarzenegger. If we have to revive 1950s British musicals, why not Heneker and Norman's infinitely superior Make Me An Offer, which makes Salad Days look extremely green indeed." eview appeared in late editions of last night's paper Michael Billington

tised setting that turned out

to be a cod Wenders movie itself — and one which, to my

mind, was a lot more engag-

ing that the great man's ac-tual films (I am not a fan, you

form it was a road movie, with

may have gathered). So in



Television short story by Saki: "Your Jonathan Romney AVID LLOYD, presenter of Fruity Stories (C4), has a voice perfectly suited to bringing out all the cadences of the word "plum". He sounds es-actly like Andy Kershaw really.' working his way through a mouthful of gobstoppers. I didn't much relish the thought of a half-hour devoted entirely to plums --- it sounded like the

British equivalent of one of Nicholson Baker's 20,000-word engrossing that it could well serve as the basis for one of those fashionable mock-New Yorker pieces on paper clips. But this was fascinating, erudite English novels, about as exotically cantankerous a an obsessively systematic plum classifier, say, who's also a serial killer. Next week: piece of rambling Englishness as anything seen since Sir John Betjeman trudged What you can do to save our gamely into the upper reaches of Metroland. fruity heritage". I shall stand up and be counted. Fruity Stories effortlessly It was all over the place ripely messy like the bag of rotting sludge that someone sent as samples to Britain's leading plum classifier, who "fingerprints" them from their stones. There was the man who - Oh, hubris! - intended to genetically improve

exudes the logic-scrambling. babbling diversity that the hyperventilating pop portman-teau Hotel Babylon (ITV) groans to achieve. "This week Bruce Willis talking to a builder: Robin Williams talking to penguins; and the best the Sea Buckthorn. There was in German comedy." The one the jolly osteopath who came across a hawthorn bush, and novel thing about the programme is how consciously it highlights its filmed nature, instead of stopping to have a giving every on-stage perfor-mance a hyper-edited MTV Proustian epiphany, as you or I would, stoutly advised us to make a berry jelly. There was look, instead of the spurious

ciality of an early sixties beach party movie; it's a sort of anti-Word: nothing untoa description of the taste of sloes, as blood-curdling as a ward can happen. But how one loves to see mouth goes like a shrivelledyoung people having a good time. "I think it's time that up hand that's been in the sea for hours." Most imposing of you realised --- nothing mean all, there was Capt Bill Swinnothing to me any more," carley. Royal Navy (Rtd), a very plummy man indeed, who olled heavy rockers The Al-mighty with conviction. Unguided us around his domain: expectedly chirpy were the Manic Street Preachers, who, said Dani Behr, have "gone on to achieve worldwide fame These orchards are of particular interest . . . to everybody. I want to see a whole series with three albums of bleak of The Plum Show. Let Chanlesperation" nel 4 devote a whole night to The Plum Zone. It was as Bah - I'll show you bleak desperation. It was in the harstrange as an April Fool hoax monies of Kate and Anna about spaghetti trees, and so

McGarrigle, adding their in-imitable tones, acerbic as sloes, to an otherwise dreary rendition of Wild Mountain Thyme on The Transatlantic Sessions (BBC2). And it was in Karen Matheson's Gaelic la ment, so stark that they had to drop in an insert of a blasted mountain-top directly after to cheer things up a bit. But on the whole, this pro-gramme is a disgustingly convivial idea for a TV show stick a bunch of old folkies together in an Ayrshire hotel and let them be beatific and cold-bloodedly professional together. "No audience, just ourselves, and of course the music," said fiddler Aly Bain, lemonstrating the smug exclusivity that reminds me why

I still prefer my bleak desperation tarted up with amplifiers and funny camera angles, thank you.

Radio Anne Karpf RE LAWYERS succeed Aing docs, cops, and tecs as the profession around which dramatists and satirists hang their current concerns ? Hot on the heels of TV's Kavanagh QC and This Life, Radio 4 is fielding a new five-part series about a group of barristers, Chambers. But this is no searing drama or contemporary soap: it's a legal sitcom John Bird plays John Fuller Carp, the unprincipled head of a set of chambers with a clerk who trades in stolen goods on the side. Episode one sees Carp setting out to recruit a radical feminist lawyer, Ruth Quirke (Lesley Sharp) who's been working at a Citizen's Advice Bureau, in the mistaken belief that she's the

daughter of a leading judge. In order to woo her to his set Carp himself feigns radicalism, metamorphosing into the kind of mock leftie who disappeared along with platform shoes and Gary Glitter. In the event Quirke climbs on board, only for Carp to learn that her father is nothing but a common bobby. Absurd perhaps, but then that's what sitcom essentially

is: the sitcom plot is almost

by virtue of the punctuating roars of their studio audience - have an acoustic that shouts popular, easy, and un-demanding. Yet the interesting thing about Chambers is that one can vaguely discern some more radical intent on the part of the writer, Clive Though sitcoms tend to work with and reinforce stereotypes, the stereotypes of the legal profession that Coleman embellishes aren't specially current in Britain (as opposed to America, where lawyers are far more derided, with a much higher ocial profile). Coleman's law yers are grasping, nepotistic and sexist, enabling him to have his cake and eat it by introducing Benny Hill-type innunendo --- which you'd more readily find on Radio 2 than 4 - only to get us to laugh at its male proponents rather than female victim. In the end, episode one's humour was mostly too broad to work, but the rate of chuckles

alarmingly.

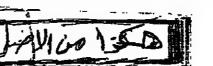
the director (played by Peter Capaldi), hitching a ride and expounding his preoccupa-tions — his obsession with cinema, his animosity towards the American Dream, as opposed to his American dream — against a richly filmic soundtrack. It even cheekily cast Harry Dean Stanton as "Harry and Dennis Hopper as "Dennis". Only some of the whispered voiceover grated, being ust this side of pretention. Classic FM offered a more traditional encomium, marking Yehudi Menuhin's 80th birthday with a new 20-part series Menuhin: Master Musician, presented by Humphrey Burton, Part one covered Menuhin's precocious talent, and was full of pleasing vignettes of his childhood in San Francisco, where his family owned one of the earliest electric cars. threw down a toy violin in disgust (he wanted the real per minute never dropped too from his early recordings. Radio 3 offered us five Thus far, since most are nightly tributes to Wim agreed that the child was something of a genius. Burton's chief job has been to

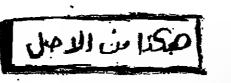
Wenders - a rarity for some one still alive and not celebrating their 80th birthday. Rather than simply deliver a traditional biodoc or a couple of adulatory profiles, it used less sublime playing of his later career is covered. his own words but in a drama-



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In a week when European tourists were murdered in Cairo, RICHARD GOTT looks at changing perceptions of Islam and wonders how the largely secular West can deal with an increasingly religious world order

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Reason blinks in the light of faith

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young scholars supported by

West took place in the old days in a pleasant acanic backwater. A little bit of art and aesthetics, a soupcon of history and language, and a dollop of culture and religion was sufficient to keep a small coteria of scholars agreeably employed in nu-

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mercus ivory towers. Until Edward Said came along and accused them all of being "orientalists" -- deploying racist stereotypes on behalf of a dominant imperialism ----

lent Islamic experts were forced to wake up. The Iranian revolution of 1979 launched them blinking into a new world of politics and media.exposure. Everyone wanted to know what they had to say about these strange new developments.

John Esposito of Georgetown University in Washington, and one of the modern doyens of Islamic studies in the United States, tells ruefully of how within five days of the Ayatollah Khomeini's revolution he had signed three book CONTRCIS

Rapidly these scholars acquired new areas of expertise, among them anthropology, sociology, and political science. Islamic studies have not yet reached the dimension of cold war Sovietology, nor has government funding been so profligate, but they are mov-ing in that direction. Yet there is an important dif-

ference; these are not old style intellectual cold warriors. They are, for the most part, scholars keen to undermine the simplicities of western gov-ernmental perceptions, and they maintain close links with colleagues in the Islamic world. With Arab territories once again the terrain for heated conflict rather than cold war, their insights become of more than passing

importance. Something similar has been affecting Islamic studies within the Islamic world itself. The typical western caricature of mad mullahs spouting ob-scurantist verses to bamboozle the faithful - forcing women to become second-class citizens, demanding that hands be severed for minor offences, and that fatwas be issued to keep dissident intellectuals under control - is very for from being an accurate representation of the current Islamic intellectual scene, though enough examples remain to keep the negative stereotype ever fresh in the mind. What has been happening in

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the Islamic world since 1979. and virtually unacknowledged outside it, is very close to what the West might recognise as a Renaissance — of scholarship. study, discussion and political activity. Spearheaded by

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their older teachers and sus-tained by a revival of popular religion comparable with the protestant Reformation, it puts faith and revelation at the top of the intellectual agends, though without altogether ig-noring the demands of reason. Just when the West assumed that it had dealt with the prob-

em of church and state for all. time --- through separation ---the Islamic world has nailed the notions of religion and gav ernment together again, with intellectual and popular they seemed harmless enough. Then suddenly these somno-

While the radicals in Iran have secured all the headline this Islamic renaissance in po-litical thought is a phenomenon that has affected the entire Muslim world. Indeed what people in the West tend to gnore, argues Professor Espo

sito, is that "the vast majority of Islamically-committed Mus lims belong to the moderate mainstream rather than to a adicalised minority. Yet in the long run it may be lamic government and discus-sions about democracy, human rights and the role of

women — that will create most problems for the West. For the Islamic debate has the potential capacity to undermine all the regimes in the Islamic world, the radical ones as well as those that are subservient to the West. And it is also taking place within muslim com-munities in Europe.

However one judges it, this resurgence of a moderate Islam has been a dramatic development, posing an intellec-tual challenge to the secular undamentalism of the West that is far more wide-ranging and significant than the cur-rent preoccupation with "fun-damentalism" and "terror-ism" subsumed within the western notion of "the Islamic

threat.". At a conference last week, sponsored by the Eleni Nakou Foundation and the Fundación Ortega y Gasset, and held in the old Spanish-Arab capi-tal of Toledo, something of the drama of these intellectual shifts in both East and West was on display. Islamic scholars from the West joined forces with collegenes from the Islamic world to examine the changing relationship between Europe and Islam. Although the conference was said to be about Europe and Islam, the continuin American debate inevitably spilled over into the discussions. "Taken on and taken apart," said the American chairman of one session with pardonable ensegeration, "the

spirit of Samuel Huntington reignsöverom proceedings. Probabieno American bert his so trabated in Islamic warningsthe receipts to by modernisation and Much of teday 's Islamic de-Huntington, the set bate takes up old themes typiteran con

servative political scientist, cal of the third world of yesterpublished by the influential year (indeed in countries like Turkey, the islamists have adopted the old anti-imperialinagazine Forelen Affairs in 1998. Entitled "Clash of Civilisations," this anticipated a world in which conflicts of cultures would dominate the international scene. Huntington called on like minded nations to ally them selves against this new threat The Europeans have been more manced. The word threat" has been officially banished from diplomatic discussion — to be replaced by the more emollient word "challenge". Critics saw Hunting-ton's article as a call for a new crusade against Islam, and the idea certainly had a favour-able press in the United States. sor Esposito says Profes there are now only two Amari-

can schools of thought after Huntington, "One believes we should try to distinguish between the extremist groups

But the West is not the only

stren that has failed the Is-lamic masses. Communism

which were supposed to have mobilised opposition to the

western model, have also been

When development was ob-

structed," argues Professor Hanafi, "and planning came to

sation and the market econo-

began to rise. Neither liberal-

were able to maintain self-reli-

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deologies of modernisation.

Since these all originated in

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ism nor Arab socialism nor

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unsuccessful. In the circum-

and secular nationalism,

nean, but it is particularly in-teresting to hear them from ist discourse of the European Left of the 1960s.) It is the perscholars in Egypt, once the home of secular Arab nationalceived failure of the western model that interests these scholars and which spearism, the cradle of Nasserism. Professor Hanafi, for example, is not an enthusiastic Islamist eads their search for an alternative. And they have a populist but he now perceives it "to be the only way." Another Egypwind in their sails. Professor tian at the conference, Nasr Abu Zayd, argues that, for Muslims, "Islam is the only Hanafi ticks off what the idea of the West summons up in this minds of the Islamic mas identity they have." It is not atheism, materialism, anartheir fault if "an ideology cre-ated by moderates is then used hism, hegemony, exploitetion, racism, capitalism, and anti-Islam." The professor himself envisages the impend-ing end to the influence of the The Arab scholars present in Toledo --- chiefly from

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Egypt. Morocco, and Syria were anxious to clear up some West, characterised by its "absurdity, nihilism, scepticism, relativism, agnosticism, of the misconceptions in the West about the nature of Islam deconstructionism, and post-modernism." These, he says, both as a religion and as a form of government To describe Islam as a religion, suggested express "the end of a culture, a

> The Islamic world has nailed the notions of religion and government together again, with intellectual and popular support

be understood ratio nally. "Islar failure of nerve, and death in the soul". They are not a model is a religion of reason, of good deeds, of freedom, of progress and of nature. " Others made the point that Islam belongs squarely in the Judaeo-Chris tian tradition, not a notion that is often accepted readily in the Gudrun Krämer, a German scholar from Berlin, produced arguments to show why Isamic intellectuals believe that

Islam is not intrinsically opposed to democracy. She had made a detailed study of the current Islamic debate about government and democracy among Sunni Muslims. She found that those who ar gued in favour of Islamic govermnent had no objection to the techniques of modern dem ocratic political organisation --- "elections, representation, parliamentary rule, the separation of powers". She also found that they had had no trouble in incorporating into their schemes of government such key values "as freedom,

equality, individual responsi-bility and accountability". This may not amount to lib eral democracy as understood in the West, but these Islamic blueprints. she argues, would create "a state of law and justics, based on stable norms that are beyond the manipulation of human beings, be they tyrants or the gullible masses" Their Islamic utopia contains elements of traditional Islamic social and political thought that "have been subtly reinter preted in the light of modern ideals and concerns".

Only the Sharia causes difficulties, Islam's famous system of laws, incorporating both law and ethics, without which no state can claim to be islamic. The Sharia gives the Ialamic order its moral and political purpose, and is often issumed to be immutable. But even this important totem, ac-cording to Professor Krämer's esearches, has come under scrutiny by today's Islamic scholars. Its potential adapt-ability and flexibility is at

east under discussion. Interestingly, there was lit-tle discussion at the confernce about the role of women in Islam. The truth is that while Islamic women may sometimes have difficulties with Islamic practice, they do not have trouble with their faith. Neither of course do Jewish or Christian women believers. None of this is going to turn

a western secular fundamen-talist into a warm supporter of Tailst into a warm supporter a an Islamic form of govern-ment. But Professor Krämer's findings do suggest that there is significant change and evo-hitton — and variety — within the Islamic debate that Europe would be rash to ignore. The fact that the conference was held in Spain gave a slight edge to the proceedings. The Spanish like to think that they have a special relationship with the Arab world as a result of their historical experience with the Moors. The young Spanish crown prince came to bless the conference proceed-ings and to indicate Spain's national interest in the debate

and to have a word with his old tutor, John Esposito. Parenthetically, one could not help but notice that Prince

Felipe listened to contributions in French, English and Spanish without earphones, suggesting a polyglot ability denied to the British royal family. But perhaps German-Greek-Spanish royalty fears exile more than their German-Greek-British confrères. Behind the contemporary Spanish interest in the Islamic world, shared with the French, is the unspoken concern that it there is to be a new cold war, between Islam and the West they will be in the front line, with an iron curtain running through the Mediterranean The United States, which has few Muslims within its borders by comparison with Europe, is affected chiefly by the geo-political implications of the Islamic resurgence, though one US professor told

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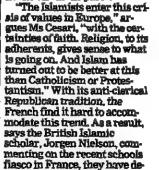
ning to take a keen interest in There is in general "a loss of the political affiliations of his ballef and a loss of values ip students, reminiscent of the herited from the past". coldest times of the cold war. But the European attitude towards Islam is coloured both

by proximity and by its own Muslim communities. For the French in particular, the question is doubly diffi-cuit, both in the streets and in their intellectual life. No othe western society is, as a result of its history, quite so fiercely secular as France. And nowhere in Europe has quite such a large and vociferous community of Muslims, demanding that the truths of revelation should be accepted prived the country of the supalong with the dictates of

The European participants in Toledo had a rather unusually unstereotypical view of their Muslim communities, arguing that they can in no way be regarded as a fifth column for Islamic radicalism imported from abroad. The Mus-lim diaspora in Europe is now player in European politics rather than in the politics of their country of (sometimes remote) origin. A recent study of young French Muslims, argued Jocelyn Cesari from the university of Aix-en-Provence suggests that there has been "a complete change of attitude towards French society by an

ntire generation of young Muslims". No longer content to be simply Islamists in the home, they have moved out into the

streets to proclaim proudly what they believe in. "They have moved from a private pace to a public space." But in this they are not separate from the young French generation in which they have grown up.

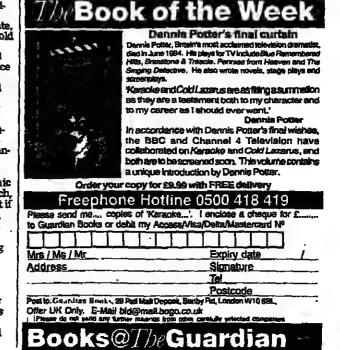


port of the largest educated group of Muslims in Europe. The new Muslim minority in Europe, according to Ms Cesari, is upsetting all the other religious traditions, raising questions which people thought had been settled years ago. According to Mohammed Arkoun, an influential profes-sor at the Sorbonne in Paris, we are now in an entirely new situation, in a postmodern world where revelation is af-

fecting reason". Europe over the past two centuries has not been overly keen on faith and revelation. In theory at least, it is in favour of both secular reason and pluralism. But you don't have to be much of a postmodernist to see that, in a pluralist society, the sovereignty of reason will always be problematic.

The central difficulty is that Europe continues to perceive itself as largely secular. The challenge it now faces is to come to terms with communities, at home and abroad, that see themselves as entirely religious.

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and those who are seeking to participate in the system. The other believes there are no Islamic moderates, and that they should all be crushed." It is not much of an alternative. Arab students of Islam have been indignant. "Europe must get rid of the idea that Islam is a serious threat." savs Sadik

Al-Azm, a Syrian scholar and

stances, it is perhaps not sur-prising that both the bulk of professor of philosophy at the university of Damascus the people and the intellectual elites should have turned to "After all, the élites in the Arab world have never been so sub-servient to the West. We are Islam - for illumination, guidscared out of our wits, not the ance, and the provision of a strategy that will help them out of the pit of despair. West." Professor Hassan Hanafi of

the University of Cairo, one of the best-known Egyptian philosophers and a star of the conan end in the name of privatiference, went further. "Why are we not discussing the wes ern threat? The blockadm of my, popular disenchantment Iraq and Libya? The threats against Iran and Sudan? The occupation of Palestine?" Yet the typical concern of the new generation of Islamic scholars ment. People continued to be distillusioned with all secular ie argues, is not so much with the western military threat as with the western model of

elooment.

20 OBITUARIES

Kalim Siddigui

A rallying cry for Muslims

ALIM SIDDIQUI, who has died aged 62, was Britain's most publicised Is Namic fundamental ist. His notoriety was largely the result of his public campaign in Britain in favour of Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa against Salman Rushdie. The man who believed that "secularism was destroying mankind" died on a day marked by blood-letting, con-fessional bigotry and the mas-sacre of innocents. In Cairo, Muslim zealots shot dead 18

Greek tourists as part of a campaign against a secular regime; in Lebanon, the Israeli air force delivered the deadly wrath of the Old Testa ment ("an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth") in the shape of bombs on a civilian sanctu ary, which left more than a hundred people dead. Siddi-qui would have condemned the one and supported the

other. He was born in Sultanpur in Andhra Pradesh and was one of 10 brothers and sisters. His father was a poor policeman under the Raj, at a time when accepting bribes could lead to loss of employment. He went to a predominantly Hindu school where the headmaster was a nationalist and sup-porter of the Congress Party. Siddiqui later claimed that he was always fighting the Hindu boys, but left it unclear as to whether this was a religious or a political conflict. Most of his fellow-students were staunch nationalists and one of them was shot dead by a soldier during an anti-British assembly. Siddigui, as the son of a policeman, might well

have attracted hostility. In 1950, when he was 17, he left India and migrated to Karachi in Pakistan, a state which had been created specif-ically to provide Indian Muslims with a homeland. He spent three years selling vege tables and sleeping wherever he could find shelter. Later, with other refugees from In-dia, he started a weekly jour-nal, the Leader, but it floundered. He contracted malaria and became disillusioned with Pakistan, claiming "I was not happy with Partition". It was material necessity

rather than spiritual fervour which brought him to Eng land in 1960. His friends had funded his trip, hoping he would get journalistic train-ing and return to help them. In London he educated himself and worked on a string of local papers, ending up as a sub-editor on the Guardian from 1964-72. Siddiqui was never a freethinker or an atheist, but nor was there ever a hint of what lay ahead. In 1974 he set up the Muslim Institute in Bloomsbury "to relight Muslim poli-tics as part of religion". His opponents within Islam wanted to know who was supplying the funds, a question which always arises when a new body comes into existence. Siddiqui remained coy. The money could not have come from iran; the Islamic Republic was at that time nothing more than a frown on the face of the exiled Khomelni. The two major sources were Saudi Arabia and Libya Saudi funds were filtered to conservative Muslim religlous groups throughout the world so that they could better combat the godless ones, especially communists. Libyan money was more readily available and for more radical purposes. Thus, Colo-nel Gadafy was quite happy to patronise the daily paper of the now-defunct Workers' Revolutionary Party as well as Muslims in the Middle East. The only criteria was the loy-

alty of the groups to Libya and its leader. Siddiqui did not visit Trip-oli and the general view at the time was that he was being funded by Saudi Arabia. He claimed his money came from "private subscriptions". In 1979, when Khomeini proclaimed the Islamic Reput lic, Siddigui had managed to establish himself and his insti-tute as serious supplicants for funds put aside by the new regime to spread its messa. The Saudis, alarmed by Siddiqui's attraction to the new order in Teheran, cut him off immediately. He flew to Te-beran and embraced the

Teheran declared an ideological jihad against the Saudi monarchy and its satrapies in the Gulf. Once again, as so often in Islamic history, there were now two major centres competing for the loyalty of the orthodox. Suddenly fundamentalist groups in Britain and elsewhere found them-salves being wooed by big money. Petro-dollars began to fan the flames of funda-

mentalism. The Saudi-Iranian rivalry was conducted in Britain through rival relays. The Saudi princes, hardliners in their own land, but ultimately dependent on the United States, favoured a more scholarly and softer approach in

Europe. The Islamic Revolution of 1979, by contrast, was flercely anti-imperialist, denouncing the United States as the "Grea Satan" and insisting that mili-tant Islam was the only seri-ous alternative to the West and communism.

Siddiqui flourished, becoming in the process the unoffi-cial voice of the Teheran regime. He found support among many of the young Muslims in Britain. During the 1960s and 1970s, Asian youth had been attracted to secular projects — Labour, far-left groups, black national ism, and so on — but during the 1960s a new generation, alienated from mainstream politics of any kind, began to find a new identity in religion.

IDDIQUI appealed to

ven so ha remained

fairly isolated. It was

the furore over Sal-

man Rushdie's The Sotonic

Verses which brought him to

the fore. He would later boast

that it was he who had in-spired Teheran to pronounce

the fatwa. He used the affair to

build a broader base for him-

self. The Muslim parliament

stunt designed to outflank his

was an inspired publicity

rivals, but the idea and the

institution was stillborn. The majority of Britain's Muslim

community remained aloof.

In a 1989 interview with

Hugo Young in this newspaper

he said: "I see myself as a Guardian man. I would like to see Britain develop broadly

along the lines the Guardian has always advocated." On

other occasions he spoke of the "moral decay" and the "cultural filth" of modern

Britain. Early this year he em-barrassed Teheran by insist-

ing that the fatwa on Rushdie should still be carried out.

Rushdie, he argued, had blas-phemed against God and his

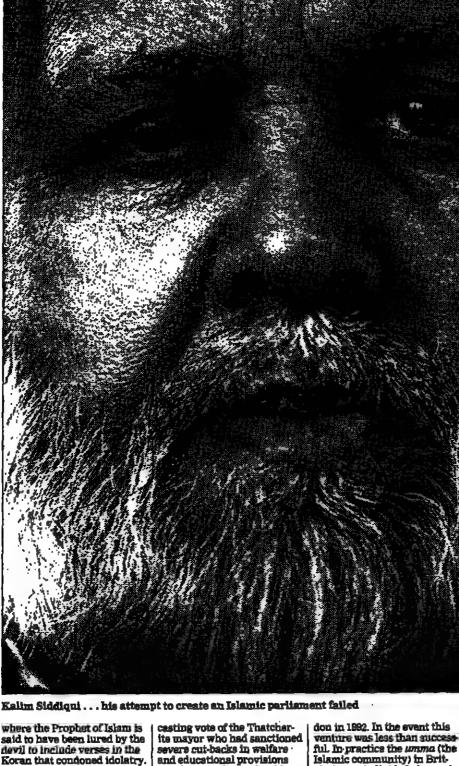
Prophet. The Iranians dissoci-ated themselves from Siddiqui

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ditionalism, the Islamic revival in the West at the end of the 20th century is a rewrit ing of Islam to suit the needs of young idealists: illiberal-

Appreciation: Gutiérrez Alea Philosophical art of film making

The Guardian Saturday April 20 1996

TOMAS Gutiérrez Alea (ob#unry, April 17) was not just a patriotic Cuban but identified himself as a Latin American. He felt deeply the offence taken throughout Latin Amer ica at the way it is represented by Hollywood. I once went with him to see Under Fire. the film about Nicaragua by Roger Spottiswoode. As we came out he was quietly fuming. He found its misrepresentation of the Sandinista struggle insulting. On another occasion we went to see his film, Death of a Bureaucrat, which was being

re-run in Havana. He had been told that audiences were res-ponding to it as a new film, not one that was 20 years old, and wanted to see for himself. The film is a black comedy about a body which is illicitly ex-humed by the family in order to recover the man's union card which had been buried with him, so that his widow could claim her pension. He told me that at the film's premiere in 1966 a woman had run out in the middle in tears Following her to find out what had upset her, he discovered that the joke he thought he had invented had actually taken place. This was in the mid-1980s. when Titón was taken by an idea I had for a film of The Tempest told from Caliban'

ICAIC, the Cuban Film Insti-tute, agreed to put up the de-velopment money and I went velopment money and I we to Cuba to write the script with Titon and the Cuban playwright, Eugenio Hernan-dez. We quickly agreed on the outline. Caliban and Ariel would both be black and they would argue about the best way to deal with Prospero. Ar-iel represented the reformist option, Caliban the revoluCoshpain

We had just started casting when the project fell through. The balance of the budget was The balance of the budget was to come from the man who had put up half the money for Hugh Hudson's *Revolution*, and when it went over budget by £4.5 million — three times the amount we needed — our backer withdrew. No one else could be persuaded to step in. Titón took it philosophi-cally, as he did the misintercally, as he did the misinterpretations of his work which regularly cropped up, such as when Andrew Sarris de-scribed him as a dissident for Memories of Underdevelopment, or when he was criticised for not being political when he chose to make a simple love story. Letters from the Park. But few directors have been so consistent to their own vision, or so adapt at reinventing themselves in wary film.

Letters: **Donnelly** and **Burke**

I to judge from your recent obituaries — Maggie Don-nelly (April 17) and James Burke (April 18) that a surefire way of achieving recogni-tion in the late 20th century is to be a homeless alcoholic or a murderous thief?

point of view. Channel 4 and

Julian Humphreys writes: Am | his life cannot obscure the fact that he was found guilty of murder and spent nearly 50 years relieving people of their belongings. Many people who never hurt a fly died on the same day as

Burke. Their relatives, on reading the semi-documentar manner in which his misdeed are detailed, could be forgiven for wondering whether their deceased relative would have Walter Cairns writes: The fact

that James "Jimmy the Gent" Burke was known for "the kindly way he treated his vicmerited more attention from tims" and the fact that the film Goodfellas was based on the press if he/she also had en seeed in crime

Weekend Birthdays

THE question for John Ellot Gardiner, who is 53 today, is where part beyond authenticity? Having finished a complote Mozart opera cycle, and cleaned up the 19th century with an orchestra using the almost modern instruments Berlicz and Wagner were thinking

Gardiner strangely reserved.

Authentic casting of voices to

choices, and a bold takeover of

the director's role in charge of

thenticity enthusiasts to ap-pland. Treat yourself to equal

Today's other birthdays: Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat MP,

Peter Snow, broadcaster, 58; Jean Southworth QC, chair-

man, Police Discipline Appeals

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match Mozart's original

alations like the old days.





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Face to Faith

Science and spirituality

Chris Clarke

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AST WEEKEND at Winchester an overflow hall with a video link was required for the packed National Conference of Mystics and Scientists. There was a constant atmosphere of excitement as new relations between science and the mystical. two seemingly opposite worlds, were explored.

My own journey is typical of many. I started from a career as a mathematical physicist, studying the conditions of extreme temperature and pressure in the universe, on the boundary of space-time This has been combined with a love of the Christian contem plative tradition. A personal growth weekend based on the work of the wild early psycho analyst Wilhelm Reich revealed new dimensions:

ality were for me no longer isolated twin peaks in my world; now artistic expression, bodily movement in dance, and the deep wellsprings of emotion all claim their places in a new and viorant universe. All this has become possible ecause both science and mysticism (or spirituality) have broadened enormously. Regrettably, this has opened up the undesirable common

after this, physics and spiritu-

ground of pseudo-science and pseudo-mysticism: numerol-ogy, UFOs, perpetual motion, and so on. One aim of the conference organisers, the Scienific and Medical Network. is to find ways to sort the wheat from the chaff. I want to explain what I see as the authen-

ic growth points. Until recently the only recognised mystics were strange individuals who cut them-

Siddiqui's message was igwhich were of considerable nored by all except Ayatoliah Dortance to the less well in the Muslim community. Khomeini, for whom it was a The fatwa provided a legiti-mate rallying point for a Mus-lim community which saw ituseful publicity stunt. Fresh from a wounding defeat in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, with self as under sizes. Siddiqui sought to channel the country flagging under unemployment, discontented war veterans, and an ignothis discontent towards an Isminious cease-fire agreemen with Saddam Hussein, Kho-

lamic perliament, headed by himself. He used Khomeini's man meini grasped at this opportu notion that since Muslims nity to represent himself once more as the defender of the believe that God is the only law maker, to whom they must all submit, they should In Britain it was only in endorse, rather than vote for, Bradford that Siddiqui's call an Islamic parliament to run was heeded. Once more the

their affairs. So Siddiqui set up his 150-member parliament in Lonimpact was due to local poli-tics. The city was ruled by the

Siddigui's soundbites

Amnesty International is I take a very broad view of an instrument of western life. I believe you are entitled to your values, and I'm entitled to mine. I must propaganda. If people ward executed it is because of what they did before the not abuse yours, and you revolution. Guardian, November 24, In Iran, for the first time, a Western-style dictator was overthrown by the political It [The Satanic Verses] sets out to insult and abuse colture of Islam itself. Islam and Moslims in a I have the normal beliefs of a Muslim but I'm a very manner we are not prewesternised man — all Guardian, May 9, 1992 This Parliament must de-

fend and promote the Mus-lim interest in Britain — Observer, January 5, 1891. The fatwa was, and remains,

perience with our rational

thinking, and with the practi-cal needs and crises of the 21st

century. This is where things

get controversial: the vast ma-jority of practising physicists would deny any link between

their work and mystical

an order that must be car ried out as and when it be-comes possible to do so ----

part of a little England clique

with its own agenda devoted to the aspiration of one man.

Despite the connotation of tra

religious lines, with each

lamic thought.

Guardian, April I, 1996. Who's my favourite British politician? I think Harold Wilson added greatly to the merriment, although he didn't achieve much.

I have read a few pages [of The Satanic Verses] — both Speciator, September 23, 1990.

If there was a competition to find the most assimilated Muslim in Great Britain I would win first prize --Sunday Times, June 14, 1992

ence, without attempting to

explain it away. Many people have "mysti-

cal" experiences, but dare not

speak about them or use them

to enrich their relationships. Science, interpreted as I have

suggested, can now offer a pic-ture of the world in which it is

acceptable to talk about these

happen on a wider scale the grip of materialism on society

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small group supporting its own particular school of Is-As a result of misreading the mood and the intention of the young devout Muslims, What was effective, however, was an aspiration to a the un-elected Islamic parliament never enjoyed much support. Since Siddiqui had notional Islamic unity and grandeur artending well be-yond Britain. The Rushdie af-fair and the Gulf war fuelled the ardour for Islam and its bypassed the British Islamic establishment when setting up his parliament, he could unifying strength among Musnot call on the network of lims in the region. But British Muslims did not want to be local mosques to revive inter est in his cause.

Once Khomeini died and the Rushdie episode calmed down, there was little left of the Siddigul impact on the world stage. Thus it may be ungenerous, but Siddiqui's impact has been greatest on the life of one individual, Salman Rushdie. Otherwise, po-litically, his attempt to set up an effective Islamic voice in England failed, not least beause Muslims in England, though they may choose to identify themselves at times in terms of their religion, live different lives; in their political lives they prefer to be British citizens with democratic rights and entitle

Kalim Siddiqui isaves a wife, two daughters and a son in Slough. Berkshire, where he had lived for many Kalim Siddloui, Islamic

campaigner, born July 2, 1933; died April 18, 1995

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would be weakened; by acconditional on denying the knowledging the way we are all connected, we would start to value people for what they loved, not what they possessed world. At last it is becoming possible, without abandoning scientific rigour, to see the world as it is, as a vibrant and Science in the past has taught us that the world is a living organism. The clues that were presented through soulless machine. People have the image of Gaia - the earth as a self-regulating organism — can now be linked into an society for an alienated humanity while Christianity has experience to which we can all open ourselves, and the origi-nal insights of religion to by and large degenerated into offering personal salvation

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU





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Cleaned up old masters lose their original glaze along with Tomorrow's birthdays: Fler the dirt: the issue of individual Majesty The Queen, 70; Prof Ian Bruce, director general. interpretation was just temporarily submerged by authentic-ity. Not that Gardiner, a lively Royal National Institute for the Blind, 51: Cheryl Gillan, MP. and authoritative master, lacks Minister of Education and Emindividuality. But an orchestra ployment, 44; Heather Joshi, chosen by you, and so beholden conomist, 50: John Mortimer to you, does not provide the QC, author, creator of Rummusical quality every maestro wants to pit himself against. pole, 73: Anthony Quinn, ac-tor, 81; Nina Temple, secre-Go for it, Jiggy. Next time round, when re-recording tary, Democratic Left, 40.

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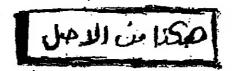
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As investors are advised to take rail profits early, Labour denies it hates company cars. IAN WYLIE reports

Take the money and drive

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The Guardian Saturday April 20 (1987

Savers pay price

cuts interest rates

THE Woolwich Building Society has cut interest rates on three of its range of invest ment accounts. New gross rates on its Current and Prime Gold accounts are down by 0.25 of a percentage point. Typical balances of between \$500 and £4,999 on deposit in either account will now earn 2.1 per cent before tax (1.68 per cent net). Its Tessa savers now earn 0.36 of a percentage point less on deposits up to £6,599 at

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5.25 per cent. National & Provincial has also cut its investment rates by 0.25 of a percentage point. New lower rates in its investment Reserve account now start from 4.6 per cent gross (3.58 per cent net) on a minimum deposit of 25,000, and its Private Reserve Account now returns 3.1 per cent gross (2.48 per cent net) on balances of at east £500.

ABBEY National is offering savers with at least 5,000 a three-year fixedrate investment bond which pays yearly interest at 6 per cent gross; 4.8 per cent after tax in the first year rising to 8.5 per cent before tax (6.8 per cent net) in the third.

FOR savers with at least £10,000 the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society offers a choice of locking up their funds for two, three or five years. The one-year bond pays 6.75 per cent gross (5.4 per cent net), the three-year

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pays 7.25 per cent gross (5.8 per cent net) and the five year returns 7.6 per cent gross (6.08 per cent net). The Newcastle Building

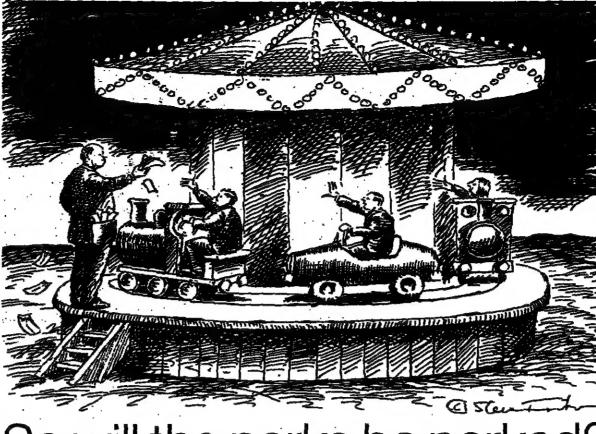
Society has a two-year fixedrate bond paying 6.75 per cent gross (5.4 per cent net) on a minimum deposit of £2,000. And the Yorkshire Building Society is offering savers with 12,500 guaranteed interest of 7.2 per cent before tax (5.76 per cent net) for three years.

ALLIANCE & Leicester has launched a new package of fixed-rate mortgages, starting from a one-year deal fixed at 1.65 per cent. Its two-year fixed-rate home loan is priced at 4.8 per cent, the three-year deal at 6.49 per cent and a five-year fixed-rate mortgage at 7.99

But these eye-catching rates come with a price. Borrowers who switch lenders before April 1, 2001 will have to give back cash equivalent to six months' interest.

THE Cheltenham & Gloucester is offering fizedrate nortgages without early redemption penalties but the rates are higher. Its two year fixed-rate deal is priced at 6.69 per cent and 8.69 per cent for a five-year fix.

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So will the perks be parked?

ABOUR tried to dis-tance itself this week from suggestions that it plans to get tough on company car drivers. But a tightening of the tax rules on company cars would not only ease urban congestion but could raise a handy £2 billion. The Metropolitan Transport Research Unit (MRTU) says the Treasury could net £1.5 billion if parking spaces provided by compa-nies are taxed as a benefit to the employee. The MRTU says 43 per cent of parking in urban areas is free to drivers of company cars. Maurice Parry-Wingfield, tax adviser at account

dential parking used to be taxed, but the Inland Reve-

nue dropped the tax in 1988

because of difficulties in

calculating the value of the benefit. "Perhaps the Inland Revenue took a look outside at the rows of com-pany cars parked on their own forecourt," suggests Mr Parry-Wingfield. But the MRTU says a flat

duty of £500 a year could be levied on employers for every private non-reside tial parking space, and money raised could be returned in the form of income tax cuts, lower business rates or investment in

public transport. Further research conducted by the Institute for Ruropean Environmental Policy suggests another £500 million could be raised by preventing company car drivers from exploiting the tax discounts awarded to high-mileage drivers. Tax bills are cut by a third of the

driver chalks up more than

2,500 business miles a year

and by two-thirds if they

the full rate unless drivers can prove otherwise. Ultimately, however, Transport 2000 director Stephen Joseph says the

cil to encourage employers to offer other perks such as childcare.

nan. Transport 2000, the environmental pressure group, believes one solution

cost 190p but the cost of the second instalment, due in costs no more than £400. would be to tax all cars at

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Tax advisers Grant

Go for the shares but cash in quick

be on track following this

early.

EXT month's Rail-track sale may still June 1997, will not be known until the shares are priced on May 20.

If the price plummets, investors can sell their partiy-paid shares on the market, but there will be a 15p per share discount on the first 800 week's Commons vote but the 1 million would be investors who have registered an inter-est in the shares are being adshares to investors who pay the second instalment. vised to take their profits Investors who hold on to their shares until the end of The Government published the Railtrack Pathfinder prospectus this week and private investors have just a week and

May 1999 will, in addition, receive a bonus share for every 15 held. Under the UK public offer

a half to register with a share shop to ensure they receive which closes on May 15, the minimum subscription will be 200 shares, which will mean a first instalment of £360. Pripreferential allocations of shares, plus any incentives on offer. Most of the shops say intervate investors can apply for more shares under the interest in Railtrack is on a par with last year's sale of the power generating companie: And while Railtrack cannot national retail tender offer which closes on May 17. The minimum will be £3,000 and offer investors the same soaraway gains as earlier prithe overall price slightly higher than under the UK offer. But investors putting vatisation issues, Govern-ment subsidies to the trainoperating companies, and the access charges which Rail-track can levy, have been fixed to make sure the sale will be profitable for the next few their shares into a Pep will receive a preferential alloca-tion in the international offer. Although application dead-lines are set in the middle of next month, share shops are expected to close their books

by the end of April.

Minimum fees are around £7 but, judging by from the

than dealing charges. ShareLink, for example, is staging a draw with the first

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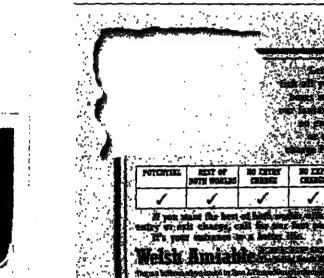
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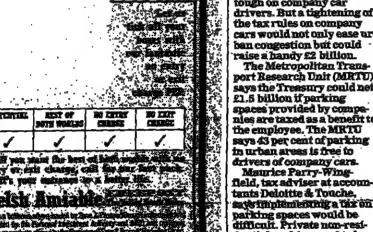
If Labour wins the next gen eral election they might find that re-nationalising Rail-track would be too costly. But while the shares are expected to yield up to 8 per cent, Labour has warned that its latest rash of investor incen-tives, it would appear that share shops are competing on the basis of prize draws rather income regulation would mean lower returns for shareholders. However, it is the short-term incentives that are at-

tracting private investors. The £69 million of last year's profits being used as a sweet-ener will be paid as a dividend in October and investors will receive another dividend payment in February 1997. Most private investors will apply for shares in the UK public

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claim to have exceeded 18,000 business miles. While this is intended to mitigate the tax burden on drivers who genuinely use their cars on company business, it actually encourages company car culture must be tackled. In Nottingham, for example, the group is working with the city coan drivers to chalk up more

business miles. The Department of Trans-port estimates that almost half of company car drivers complete less than 2,500 business miles each year. yet only 10 per cent of these drivers admit it to the tax-

Thornton suggest another alternative to company cars: company hikes. In Hol-land, owning a bicyle bought by the company is tax-free, as long as the bike

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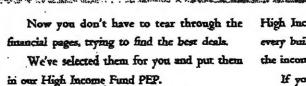
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Hotels float for growth

lan King

HE strength of Britain's hotel industry was under-lined yesterday when Millennium & Copthorne announced that it would be valued at £402.1 million - way

Shares of the international hotelier with a strong UK presence, which said it was de-lighted with the issue's reception, start trading on Thursday with a price tag of 278p. Forecasts had suggested the group would be capitalised

at £350 million. Confirming details of the issue, which is being run as a placing of shares with City institutions. Millenium & Copthorne said the flotation

would raise its profile and pro-vide a base for expansion. The group owns 23 four-star hotels in Britain, France, Germany and the United States. These include the 16-strong Copthorne chain, which Millenium & Copthorne's present owner, Singapore-based CDL Hotels, bought in October 1994 from Aer Lingus,

CDL, which will be retaining a 55 per cent stake in Millenium & Copthorne, is part of the Hong Leong group headed by Kwek Leng Beng, whose a 20 per cent stake in New

National Power

sells 3 stations

NSON last night

£1.7 billion deal to

buy three huge

power stations

clinched a

from National Power in a

the conglomerate into the super-utility league. But the deal will sharply in-

crease pressure on the Government to allow a further

radical overhaul of the elec-

tricity industry. The deal is the latest in a

nove which will manoeuvre

family is regarded as one of the most powerful in Southeast Asia. Mr Kwek, who recently took

Zealand-based Brierley Investments, which owns This-tle Hotels, yesterday insisted CDL would not be further reducing its Millenium &

Copthorne stake. He said: "Millenium & Copthorne is an important long-term invest-ment for CDL, and its flotation is consistent with CDL's phi-

losophy of listing its principal assets in the country where they are based." Meanwhile, troubled Queens Moat Houses put the

"For Sale" signs on 25 of its British hotels, saying that the proceeds would be used to reduce debts. The shares closed up 2n at 31n.

tem in Australia. Through a so-called "spin-off," NP and

would receive shares in sev-

eral new power companies. The US government used such a spin-off to dismantle the AT&T monopoly. Every AT&T shareholder received

stock in more than a dozen new corporations, which now compete fiercely

attack the power duopoly because it does not want to appear to hobble British

companies planting the Union Jack around the

the UK.

globe and creating jobs in.

against each other. Labour hesitates to

PowerGen shareholders

Hanson wins £1.7bn deal

is a danger that the uncer-tainty this creates will deal a quietly removed the last remaining price restric-tions on the duopoly. Some Labour Party advidamaging blow to the reputa-tion of the entire market. All this should be of wider sers are looking over a plan to break up NP and Power-Gen into single-plant com-panies, similar to the sys-

ity trading. But this market is important. The prestige and success of the market underpins the City's status as a world-ranking financial cen-tre — one reason why so many verseas banks bring money

pean competitors. The LME is, after all, the world's biggest non-ferrous metals market, turning over staggering £2,500 million last year. It is the tenth biggest exchange of any kind in the entire world and generates around £250 million a year for Britain's invisible earnings. Growing by 700 per cent over the past eight years, it

has made London the global

Saturday Notebook Market that needs. to be on its mettle

The Guardian Saturday April 20 1996

Patrick Donovan

wing about the London metal markets. Some should be dismissed as scurrilous tales of mischevious in-tent. Others are simply fantas tic. Either way, the rumours by lawyers investigating Codelco, the Chilean copper concern, suggest that there are sound reasons to be concerned about how this market

Metals Exchange (LME) addresses the problem, there Awhich is responsible for making sure firms do not trade when bust or hoodwink customers? The watchdog's

tally of successful investiga-tion is a big fat zero. During its entire career of monitoring the metals market it has not disciplined a single trader. Not that investigation can be that easy as there are strong cultural and operational differences between the SFA and the LME which have and jobs to London rather than any of the City's Eurohampered co-operation.

Whatever the truth of the allegations surrounding irreg-ular metals trades, the important issue now is for the market to be perceived to be well regulated. Labour's City team are known to be keen on shaking up the entire way in which the financial markets are policed.

growing support within the market is to set up a Trading and Markets Authority to take

lan Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, who is agonising over a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report

into whether to allow National Power and Power-Gen to buy Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity respectively. With the MMC thought to

with the MMC thought to have given the green light to the takeovers of the two regional electricity compa-nies. City sources last night said that Mr Lang's option of blocking the bids bad now been securely closed off. Even before he has had a

chance to express a view on the vexed issue of whether the two sides of the power indus

merger, expected to cost at least 28.5 billion, with National Power. Its advances were sharply rebuffed by the UK's biggest power company. Both National Power and PowerGen were forced by the electricity regulator, Profes-sor Stephen Littlechild, to sell power stations to encourage connetition.

competition. National Power is selling three stations — Rugeley. West Burton and Ironbridge — together generating 4,000 megawatts of power.

Hanson is paying an initial £335 million premium on the 99-year lease and additional capital payments of £400 million over 10 years. But there will be additional pay-ments linked to output, which led National Power to predict a total value of £1.7 billion.

PowerGen is selling 2,000 megawatts of capacity for which Hanson is paying a further £400 million.

National Power's once domi-

nant share of the market to

The sales will reduce

break monopoly might motivate the Govern-Comment

ment to take the step to reduce Britain's high elec-tricity prices — by breaking up National Power into sev-Gregory Palast

US predator may

eral small, competing power firms. OR SOUTHERN Com-The Government con-

pany of Atlanta, one of America's most controtends that National Power and PowerGen control only versial utilities, to buy National Power would turn over the biggest player in the UK power market to a 40 percent of the market but, between 4pm and 6pm every weekday afternoon, the National Grid would collapse without power from these two. They can name their price

and they do: during these hours the price of electricity zooms by as much as 500

sists that the market rigorously polices its own rules and that any transgressor is ruth-lessly brought to book. But this is the problem. The LME puts far too much stress on keeping its own house in order. And this is creating tensions with other regulators with a brief over the metal markets. It is a recipe for chaos, the inevitable result of trying to police any market with an overlapping system of different regulators. Under current rules, the Se-

is run. Earlier this week, Codelco issued a writ against a second London-based commodity broker over suspect metals deals. This is just the latest step in the long-running Chil-ean inquiry into how the company lost \$178 million in copper futures trading. And, in the process, important ques-tions are being raised about dealing practices in London and other major financial

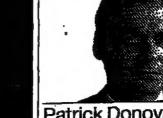
This is damaging enough for the market. But this sort of allegation fuels the rumour mill. And, unless the London

public concern. The LME may be virtually unknown outside the arcane world of commod-

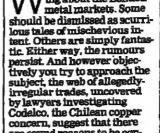
One solution which has

Board is responsible for over-seeing the running of the ac-tual market. But the members themselves are answerable both to the LME and the Secu-rities and Futures Authority. This unwieldy system is not working. The main problem is that neither the SFA nor the SIB have the resources or au-thority to oversee satisfactorily the entire market. In addition there are growing concerns about the effectiveness of the SIB, in particular. as it does not have the power to impose fines. And its only real sanction is very rarely used because it involves withdrawing authorisation, a punitive penalty which would force the miscreant out of the entire market. So how many LME traders has the SIB seen fit to disci-pline? Yesterday the regulator was flatly refusing to say. Dis-closing such information could lay the informant open to a custodial sentence of up to two years under Section 174 of the Financial Service Act. So much for the transparency of the markets. ND what of the SFA.

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series of moves by Hanson to carve out a firm place as one of the leading electricity companies

Chris Barrie and Simon Beavis

The conclomerate has already bought Eastern Group. the regional power company serving East Anglia, and has lined up the acquisition of further power stations from National Power's smaller rival, PowerGen.

Hanson's chief executive, Derek Bonham, last night described the purchase as "an important step" in expanding the group's energy interests. But it will be seen as an unwelcome development by

shareholder

backs BET in

Rentokil fight

BET. the business ser-vices group fighting off a hostile £2.1 billion bid

from rival Rentokil, yesterday

received a huge boost when

holder, said it would be reject-ing the Rentokil bid.

M & G, which holds a 7.5 per cent stake in BET, sold it had

'intle difficulty" in support-

In a letter, published by BET. M & G praised the efforts

of John Clark, BET's chief ex-

cued a company that had been in a "parlous state" when he

took over at the helm in 1991.

The letter continued: "John

has been consistent in setting

out his plans for the future

in line with these strategies

and is now delivering results

We see his future at BET as a

key issue and were reassured

to hear that he intends to stay

But despite the backing of

M & G, which has a history of

ments against hostile bidders.

backing incumbent manage

most City analysts still be-

heve Rentokil will win - al-

large proportion of BET shares which have changed

launched the bld in February. It is thought that many of

hese shares are still in the

hands of traders who are be-

Rentokul shares closed

down 3p at 352p, valuing its

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beit narrowly — when the bid ends next Friday.

Interest has centred on the

for some time."

ecutive, and said he had res-

ing the BET board.

M & G, its biggest share-

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try should be allowed to combine, Hanson's latest deal means that it is emerging as the sort of broad based, vertically integrated energy company envisaged by the two main players. Another tricky political hurdle for Mr Lang is that, were he to clear the bids, he would have no grounds to pre vent foreign buyers pitching for control of the two generators, observers said.

Geoffrey Gibbs

Bank of Ireland.

financial services.

ORD Armstrong, the for-mer Cabinet Secretary.

was forced to bring all his old political skill to bear

vesterday as disgruntled in-vestors tackled directors of

the Bristol and West Building Society about the proposed

£600 million takeover by the

More than 250 members

annual meeting at the Grand Hotel in Bristol to hear the

proposed deal described as a

win-win" transaction that

competitive new force in retai

Lord Armstrong, who has

HE Chancellor, Kenneth

Clarke, and his European

counterparts will come

inder pressure from the

United States government to

budget deficits under control

in Washington tomorrow.

when the Group of Seven meet

world's seven most powerful economies are set to thrash

out the problems that have

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of government meeting in

Lyons.

slowed growth in industrial

Europe ahead of the G7 heads

Britain has performed rela-

tively well in key areas such

The finance ministers of the

boost economic growth and get

chaired the society for the past | told the meeting.

reports SARAH RYLE in Washington

would create a strong and

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Only this week Southern

Company of Atlanta, Georgia, announced it was seeking a tricity pool.

between 20 and 25 per cent and PowerGen's to around 17 per cent, leaving nuclear genera-tors dominating the market for the first time. While Hanson will begin to challenge the two traditional power station companies with a share of between 11 and 14 per cent, National Power and PowerGen will still hold sway

over the market because they operate plant which effectively sets prices in the elec-

three years, said he was con-strained in what he could say

for legal and regulatory reasons. But he defended the

proposed link with the Irish

bank and the distribution to

members in the face of strong

criticism from a small number of investors that the society

been driven by the society's past problems, including the

heavy loss incurred on the

now sold Hamptons estate-

tirely forward to the future

and what was best for mem-

bers and for a society of our sort of size in a world of finan-

cial services which has been and is changing very fast." he

Ministers pressed over budget deficits, reports SARAH RYLE in Washington to GDP ratio in the G7 at 2 per

as output, and better than its

France on employment, but

Mr Clarke will not escape the

American disquiet about the

overall European underper-

formance highlighted by the IMF earlier this week.

The US Treasury secretary

Robert Rubin warned that the

US would look to its European

partners to put their houses in

order. He said the US had res-

ponded to criticism of the size

of its budget deficit and the

alleged benign neglect of the

Mr Rubin said: "We were

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most important European

partners Germany and

US urges faster growth on Europe

igency chain.

was being sold too cheaply. He denied that the move had

The discussions looked en-

Only last month, Georgia ourts upheld a \$2.7 million (£1.8 million) verdict gainst Southern for defam ing the former president of their international division, Jeffrey Hamburg. Mr Hamburg claimed the company made him the scapegoat when Southern's gents were caught making

foreign owner. Not just any foreigner.

Southern, which six months

ago purchased South West Electricity, is forever in

trouble with regulators,

ourts and consumers

improper payments to Por-tuguese officials in an attempt to boost Southern's bid to buy state-owned generating plants. A Southern takeover

Fergus Lyons, an investor who has previously sought election to Bristol and West's

board said the Bank of Ireland

had got the society for a

knock-down price but the

bank was "a very good life-

boat to look for". Refuting such criticism,

Lord Armstrong said the board believed the deal repre-

sented a full and fair valuation and one that reflected the po-

value compared favourably with multiples achieved in the

next year. Several investors expressed

cent this fiscal year and it will be lower still next year. We have addressed the issue that

the rest of the world told us to.

Now we are in a very strong

countries to address problems

With growth at the top of the

US agenda. Britain will be in a relatively strong position. Ac-

cording to IMF projections in

the World Economic Outlook published on Wednesday.

Britain's output will grow by

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ercent, During last Janz But the concent that h ary's cold snap, the duopoly harged more than 50p per kilowatt hour at peak, ver-sus 2p charged in the competitive off-peak period. Monopoly pricing allows National Power to earn a hefty 20 per cant return on capital, making it an irre-

sistible target for American companies like Southern which US regulators limit to a 9 per cent profit. It is no coincidence that

Southern made its pitch for NP two weeks after regula-tor Stephen Littlechild

to retain our identity if we are

in partnership with an institu tion from outside this country

which is not in competition

Lord Armstrong reiterated that the Bristol and West's

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overcharging British dostic customers, UK firms will have the funds to compete against foreign operators is suspect. When companies fatten on excessive profits in home markets, they have little inclination

to sell abroad. AT&T scorned foreign markets until it was stripped of lucrative local

phone monopolies, forcing the firm to seek opportunities abroad. Gregory Palast is an Indepen-dent expert in US regulation.

Armstrong forced on defensive News in brief **************** **Police report**

coming under the control of a foreign bank, but Lord Armon pools firm strong sought to allay fear on the issue of regulation. He said: "I think there is a positive advantage if we want

A report of a police investiga-tion into criminal allegations involving a sacked senior em-ployee in the stores division of retail and pools group Littlewoods has been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service and the Scottish Procura tor Fiscal's office, it was announced yesterday. The allegations are thought to involve the circumstances in

head office will stay in Bristol and that the transfer of busiwhich new contractors were ness to the new subsidiary of the Bank of Ireland was not appointed. Littlewoods said: "This refers to an internal investiga-tion we carried out into the compulsory redundancies. Earlier, he told the meeting building services department at the end of last year and the that the society had performed strongly and ahead of expecta-tion in the first three months beginning of this year which led to three people being dis-missed. The matter is now in the hands of the police and

because it is subjudice we cannot make any comment." It is understood that only one of the three sacked people was involved in the police investigation, which has strong links to Scotland. Merseyside Police said a file on the case had been sent to the Crown ution Service

Bank cuts 300 jobs interests of Europe and the res

Yorkshire Bank is to axe 300 strengthen," said Mr Rubin, He head office jobs following a review almed at keeping the business competitive. The velcomed the Bundesbank's bank said yesterday it would aim to achieve the cutback at base rates by 0.5 per cent. Although the concern about the dollar has eased back since its Leeds office by redeployment, voluntary severance the last spring G7 meeting in and normal staff turnover, but Washington. currency levels will be a key element of tomor it could not rule out compulory redundancies. Talks will be held with staff row's debate. "When finance

ministers get together they have an irresistable urge to talk about exchange rates," in the coming weeks about the job losses, which add to the 100,000 jobs axed from the banking industry over the past five years. Yorkshire has added Mr Rubin and although relationship has improved 270 branches. 2.7 million cusover the last year, he refused tomers and employs 6.500 to be drawn on what the approworkers.

centre for metal dealing. The price set daily for copper in ondon, for example, would act as the reference for metal being mined in Chile and finished cable products sold by firms like BICC and big proiucers in Russia.

> NLIKE other futures markets which are O largely the preserve of City speculators, the LME is unusual because of the extent to which it is used by leading manufacturers to hedge them selves against the risk of changes in the metal price. It has a virtual monopoly of deals carried out for this purpose in copper, alumnium, zinc, nickel and tin. Hence, it plays a vital strategic role for big manufacturing industry. Yet, the LME continues to operate in an information vac uum. Unlike the Stock Ex-change. LIFFE or other main London markets, the LME puts the bare minimum of inormation into the public domain. Its dealings do not come under the same kind of scru-

tiny as those on the equity market. The LME will reply that its doings are made public through the 20,000 screens which are linked into the mar-ket around the world. It in-

over the running of the SFA together with all the City's different exchanges. Such an organisation would ensure that every one of the City's different markets marches to the same beat. They would be subject to the same controls. disclosure requirements and penalties. This mega-regulator would be in a far better position to build up the staff and resources to carry out effective investigations.

Any regulatory upheaval must be careful not to hampen the entrepreneurial risk-taking culture of the LME which has made the market such a success. But the LME is doing itself no favours by refusing to face up to the allegations surrounding the rumoured market transgressions. The LME should recognise

that its aversion to publicity is inappropriate and even counter-productive for such an important commodity mar-ket. It is time for the LME to cede regulatory control to an outside regulatory body. Unless the market is prepared to initiate this change, it may find that this task has been taken over by the front-bench City team of an incoming Labour government.

HSBC's non-famous five received total of £4.62m

was Hong Kong-based John Gray who saw his salary soar from £880,000 to the £1 million Patrick Donovan **City Editor** mark thanks to a huge "expa-HE highest-paid five em-ployees at HSBC bank last year received combined salatriate benefit package" which included \$537,000 worth of housing and other benefits in ries worth £4.62 million kind with one unnamed employee

The payments are "normal within the location in which he was employed", HSBC

> salary of the bank's chairman, Sir William Purves, whose pay increased by £47,000 to 6680,000

and power turbine maker, paid no bonus to its eight executive directors last year after handing out £324,000 in 1994, its annual report disclosed. It normally makes pay-ments of up to 20 per cent of salaries if internal cash and

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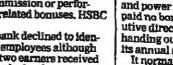
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earning more than £1.4 million. Payments included £1.26 million worth of "induceindividuals to join the company, according to HSBC's annual report.

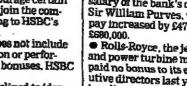
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The hank declined to identify the employees although the top two earners received higher salaries than any of the bank's directors.





The top-paid board director





Kvaerner sets a bold course for Trafalgar

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KEITH HARPER and JOANNA WALTERS observe the Norwegians arriving in London

VAERNER, the Nor-wegian giant which this week paid £904 million for Trafalgar House, intends turning London into the engineering and contracting capital of the world.

This audacious attitude. comes from Kvaerner's for-mer president and now Trafel gar House's chairman, Krik Tonseth. In the eight years he was in charge of Kvaerner, Mr Tonseth managed to make it one of the world's few profitable shipbuilding companies. Trafalgar House, however, is his biggest challenge. It requires vision to launch vourself as a fully-fiedged multinational by taking on an ailing British company with debts of almost £1 billion and losses last year of £320 million One of the most precious stones in the Trafalgar House crown is Cunard, another lacklustre part of the old dynasty, but with a name brand still capable of sthring the imagination, With losses of 16 million, Trafalgar House's passenger shipping division needs an overhaul.

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Mr Tonseth arrived in London only this week to seal the deal, yet the Trafalgar House bourd has already been purged of all but three of its directors. Those remaining are likely to be employed in assessing po-tential bidders for the commercial property and Cunard passenger shipping arms. John Fletcher, executive di-

rector responsible for busiress development and manketing, Peter Ward, chief executive of Cunard, and Alan Winter, executive director res ponsible for commercial property, survived the clear-out

The slim new board consist ing of Mr Tonseth, Jan Magne Heggelund, finance director, Jan Greve, legal director, … Fletcher, Mr Ward and Mr Winter met on Thursday. The property arm is up for sale

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lined the new spirit of co-oper-ation by immediately sitting down together to prepare a bid with a supplier for which they had originally been compet-

Kvaarner's own succ of the votes. story suggests that the old Tra-falgar board believed that it has something special to offer. While world shipbuilding was in the doldrums in the Eight-ies. Mr Tonseth believed that

it would not last indefinitely and that ageing fleets would eventually have to be replaced. Kvaerper accu rately forecast that it could benefit from the increasingly

Mr Tonseth, quiet and scholarly looking, joined Kvaerner from Norsk Hydro Norway's largest industrial company, in 1968 and began casting his eye round the clapped out shipyards of Europe. He quickly spied the Govan shipyard in Glasgow. Under British Shipbuilders it was floundering and Mrs Thatcher wanted out. It was sold to Kvaerner for £8 mil-lion. With it came the 2,000-

strong workforce. With a £30 million cash is jection and a pruning of staff to around 1,400, Kvaerner has changed the yard's fortunes. Govan, which now employs 3,500, has been transformed from one making annual losses of £45 million to one which last year revealed a £2 million profit. Its operations range from the design and supply of hydropower equipment to services to the gas and oil supply industry.

Kvaerner was attracted by Trafalgar House's contacts in the Asla-Pacific rim, where almost half its busine ss has bee conducted. Evaerner is no-ticeably weak there and wants to penetrate the market for joint ventures with China and India.

ARTIN EBNER though Swiss a rich, is not yo normal gnome. A distinctive

high-voting registered shares through BK Vision, an investment fund he set up in 1992. At one point, he theoretically controlled abnost 20 per cent

The registered shares have nominal value of Sir 20 (211) and have complex ownership restrictions attached. The far more liquid beaver shares

have a nominal value of Sh100. In effect, registered shares have five times as pany votes as do the bearers. However, UBS also has an article in its statutes limiting any single shareholder or group of shareholders to 5 per cent of the votes. This preand making it hard to dislodg

Their attempt — narrowly agreed to by shareholders in November 1994 — to unify the bank's share structure by transforming all the shares into bearers, is behind part of the bitterness between the two sides. The move would

Switzeri.AND has a lot of chocolate, clocks, moun-tains and banks, but especially banks, writes John Giover. According to the Swise bankers' association, there were 5,200 banking outlets employing 112,000 people in 1994, approximately 3.8 per cent of the workforce. Yet it is a bad moment for bank staff, one-third of whom could lose their jobs in industry restructuring. True, for-

JOHN GLOVER profiles the money manager challenging the financial establishment

Ebner sends the Swiss cuckoo

eigners still squirrel their cash away in the Alps. But they use branches in Zurich and Geneva and technology is queezing out smaller branches

But the bulk of the restructuring of the industry is still to come. "It's a question of time," says Niklans Blattner, a member of the executive board of the bankers' essociation.

shares using forward con-tracts bridging the date of the November meeting. The the board had wilfully damaged the bank. Mr Ebner's battle centres on his call for management to prioritise shareholders' intershares were voted with the board by the previous owner, who was risking nothing, and may have been decisive in the prioritise snarenoidars inter ests. It has not made him Mr Popularity, but Mr Ebner is not interested. He is no more loved by the average Swiss than the banking establish-ment. This is not surprising, outcome: They also fell in price after the meeting, prompting Mr Ebner to ask magistrates to open a crimisince the strategy he hopes to vestigation into wheth

foist on to the UBS board is as the top priority for management," said Mr Studer. "It scaling back of the bank's retail activities in Switzerland. would be more sensible to see Analysis and large inves-tors believe Mr Ebner's dethe task of an enterprise as the creation of jobs, providing this can be done profitably." This is largely humbug since UBS will shed around mands that the bank chance its strategy may increase the bank's meagre returns to shareholders, in the short 1,000 staff this year alone. erm at least. Even so. Mr Ebper and other The Swiss know that either big investors maintain that chopping capacity or a mega-merger like one proposed by CS Holdings last week and the bank has not wielded the axe with sufficient verve. Disagreements within the establishment do not norrejected by UBS board will rejected by OSS beard will lead to a huge wave of lay-offs in the banking industry as competitors follow UBS's lead At the meeting, the bank's management defily played on those fears to beat off Mr Emarge more to block the alex-

maily become public in Swit-zerland. However, though Mr Studer was elected with a comfortable 63 per cent of the votes, 37 per cent of sharehold ers. including several institu-Ebuer's move to block the elec-tion of Robert Studer, chief extions, voted against him. Following the outcome, th ecutive of the bank since 1988 bank's bearer shares fell 4.5 per cept as large investors as chairman of the board. "It has become fashionable throughout the business com

gave up hoping for swift action. Martin Ebner is not go ing to fade away.

German media titans face trial by black box

biggest commercial channel, and Kirch controls the num-

ber two channel. Sat-1.

This conflict has now

have in the past worked

spread into pay-TV where, ironically, the companies

together through Premiers, which both hold stakes.

nounced an alliance with Rupert Murdoch's B-Sky-B

and Canal Plus of France to establish a pay-TV company

in Germany, provisionally called NewCo. Meanwhile, Kirch has signed a long-term distribution deal with the American media companies

Viacom and Paramount to

supply programming for its pay-TV ventures. The battle might well be de-

cided by something more modest — a black box. For viewers

either of the proposed net-works they will need a set-top

To develop this, MMBG, a consortium of the major Ger-

was set up last year to estab-

to watch programmes on

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systems.

In March, Bertelsmann an-

munity to resard staff-cutting

Frederick Studemann In Berlin TER decades of lagging behind, the Ger-man television industry is on the threshold of a revolu tion which is set to spawn Europe's most lucrative broadcasting market, con-suming billions of marks and in the process, possibly, the scalps of a few media titans. Centre stage in this new business drams is pay-TV, still in its infancy in Germany. Currently, only one channel, Premiere, is run on subscription. By the end of this year, however, there could be more than 50 pay-TV channels on offer.

The key players are Mu-nich-based KirchGroup, which has its roots in programme distribution, and the media giant Bertelsmann, already pitted against each other in the terrestrial free to air market where Bertels mann is a dominant shareholder in RTL. Germany's

lish an industry-standard sys-tem, Bertelsmann readily joined up, but Kirch dragged its feet.

Then early this year Kirch announced it would not by oining MMBG but would instead develop its own decoder, through an alliance with Metro, Europe's largest retailing group, and Vebacom, a subsidiary of the utility giant Veba. And it said it would be

aunching its "d-box" decoder this summer, several months ahead of MMBG's rival sys-

So far, Bertelsmann has not responded to Kirch's pre-emtive strike. Officially, the company says that, while Kirch may launch first, MMBG has the better technology. But quality may not be enough Events in Germany bear obvious similarities to the early battle between Sky and BSB in Britain. Both came to the market with different receive technologies, but it quickly became apparent that there was room for only one.

igure, with lank hair and ark bow-tie, he has fought a lovely battle for the past four years against the management of Union Bank o Switzerland, one of the bastions of the Swiss financial tablishment. Mr Ebner won his position as UBS's resident pest by tak-ing a large stake in the bank's

> have hit Mr Ebner by reduc ing his clout and the value of his investment. Mr Ebner challenged the decision of the November meeting in court. The case is still pending

It then emerged that UBS had bought some of its own

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Mr Ward last week made an impassioned plea for troubled Cunard to be given time to rebuild its track record rather than he subject to a fire sale. Mr Tonseth and Mr Hegge lund will now have to reside almost permanently in London and new offices are being sought Senior executives from both companies under-

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is in building chemical and oil installations whereas Kvaemer's knowledge lies in extracting of and gas and pip-ing if ashore: a combination of air efforts could have a telling impact on the market. But before this, the new management must take some unnala able decisions. Reducing staff is likely to be one of them.

emphasis on the private sec-tor -- which now accounts for

60 per cent of lending - and the bank's catalytic role in promoting market reforms.

Lipton, head of the US delega-tion, "the EBRD has become an efficient organisation and

a strong catalyst of transition for its region." Of the protests voiced by shareholders only two years

ago, there were only a few echoes. Switzerland's Jean-

Pascal Delamoraz alluded to

the predominance of French officials in the upper echelons and the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, repeated his call for

the board of directors to be slimmed down.

"Directors should increas-

ingly concentrate on strategic

management to management. A leaner, fitter board will underpin this approach," said Mr Clarke, who objects to the 23 government appointed di-rectors who receive salaries of the management of 5100 000 each

Japan's Kosuke Nakahira

Japan had to have its own reg

entative in London at the

in excess of \$100.000 each

lesues and leave day-to-day

Banker resorts to metaphysics

Kevin Rafferty in Sofia

HE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development duly won a new lease of life in Sofia this week with the doubling of its capital to 20 billion ecus (£16.5 billion). But the unanswered question was whether the bank's president, Jacques de Larosière, would get his own new lease when his first term ends next year

Lamberto Dini, Italian prime minister — at least until tomorrow — and chair man of the governors, said he would be the first to back Mr de Larosière for a new term. The bank president invoked

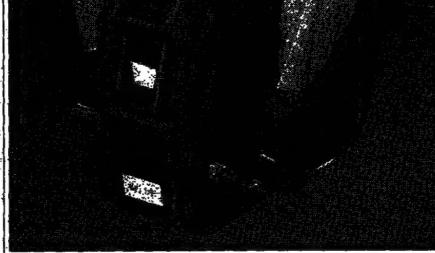
netaphysics to duck the ques-tion of whether he would stay on. The decision depended on "God, namely my existence on this planet, the shareholders, and my own view of the

Mr de Larosière has put an end to virtually all the soulsearching about whether there is a need for the EBRD. The progress of the bank has been outstanding," de-clared Mr Dini, who praised

- famous five

Lal of £4.62m

disagreed, saying that the EBRD was so important that the number of loans and operations agreed upon, the quality of the projects, the amount of equity participation, the bank, not just jetting in from Tokyo from time to time.



Come back Clive Sincleir . . . At the 24th International Inventors Fair in Geneva, Belgian Luc Deprez rides his electric motor-powered mobile suitcase Photograph Donald StamPfu

"Under Jacques de Larosirs and Ron Freeman," said David **Spring power of flower**

Eurofiora blooms GARDENER in blue municipal overalls sur-veys two of his colleagues taking souvenir pho The centrepiece of the Disney-land show is a huge floral rep-resentation of Mickey wear-ing a wizard's hat Late on tos of each other in the classic renaiesance style Italian gar-den they have just finished setting up. Employed by the Fiorence council parks de-Thursday evening, it is beginpartment, they and their gar-den left home last Monday. ning to take shape. Euroflora, a giant exhibition of flowers, plants and gar-den accourtements which opens have today, is no ordi-nary flower show. It sprawls

"It's tradition, passion," he says in a soft Tuscan accent. over 150,000 square metres of the Genos Fiera (exhibition "For as there's no return on centre); enough rolled-up law to cover two football fields He points down the hall to where other gardeners are shouting at each other in hides the 15,000 tons of sand

French as they put the finish-ing touches to what turns out and soil used to create the stands; and it took 4,000 workrs and gardeners to prepare

The exhibits cover the full spectrum of the plant world, from tiny bonsals to a 14-metre high American oak. After two years in the dolfrums as recession-struck consumers pruned spending on luxuries, the flower busi-ness is blooming once again. It started sprouting internationally in the mid-eighties. Since 1985, Holland, which leads the flower world, has raised its production 57 per cent followed by Germany (up

which grew their industries by 25 and 23 per cent respec-The developing world is also starting to say it with flowers. For the first time, this year's Euroflora — it is held only once every five years has stands from Cameroon, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Russia and Lithua nia, alongside the traditional exhibitors from western

Europe and the Americas. French MPs are threaten ing to use economic flower power in an attempt to per-suade the Dutch to end liberal policies on drugs and back up a personal campaign by Presi-dent Jacques Chirac, writes Poul Webster in Paris. A No Tulips from Amster

dam petition has been drawn up by a lobby of Gaullist MPs. They believe that a boycott of Dutch flowers and bulbs would be more effective than. the present French reaction, which includes Paris's refusa to extend EU open-frontier nents to visitors from agreene Holland

Update

commissioner Yves-Thibault de Silguy is recommending that Germany be added to the list of European Union countries running excessive leficits, according to commission sources. EU finance min isters will consider his report on June 3 when they decide which countries are meeting the deficit levels required for onetary union.

D Further jobs losses are expected at Royal Dutch Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil

D European mometary affairs | group, as a result of its deci- | plant in Juiz de Fora, Brazil, sion to cut refinery capacity in Burope and expand in South-east Asia. Group to make its A-class luxury saloons. The first cars are due off the production line in 1998 The plant is expected to emchairman Cor Herkstroeter said yesterday that Europloy about 1,500 people and peen overcapacity would be cut, but he set no timetable create a further 5,000 jobs in the country's motor compo-nents industry. for the closures. He said projects in the Czech repub-lic, Hungary, Poland, Bul-garia and Russis were being

 Greece's state telecom OTE started trading on the country's main stock mar-ket yesterday following the hampered by national legal sale of 6 per cent of its shares in a public offering T Mercedes-Benz is to invest

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JOHN GLOVER in Genoa witnesses the passion as

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and Paris. On their stand, water squirts a couple of material tark in the set. netres into the air from fake, moss-covered tree stumps. each spout accompanied by Donald Duck quacking nois

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26 per cent), France and Italy,



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Britain loves shops — the investing, the building and the spending, ROGER COWE visits Swindon, the former railway town cashing in on the latest leisure craze

LOCO at the sales

WINDON has made a good fist of becoming a newge town. Never mind manufacturing, the future lies with offices, distribution cen-consumerism which charac-terised the late-1980s boom may have faded, but there is still no shortage of eager shop-pers ready to get into their cars and dip into their wallets or purses. Indeed, there will be more

new out-of-town shopping space opened in the 1990s than in the consumerist eighties. And spending money, even if you haven't got it, has become so deeply ingrained in the national psyche that it has become a leisure activity -

though not yet quite a sport. Swindon, once a railway town, has taken to this with a venceance. True, it is still home to Rover and Honda, but they are owned by the Ger-

Brunel's magnificent engines were once built, are a potent symbol of Britain's transforthe economy. mation from the leading industrial power of the last cen-tury to a rather downmarket shopping arcade and lotteryfinanced heritage centre.

On Wednesday, work began on converting the foundry and the boiler shop into another shopping centre. It will not be merely one more tawdry mall. with its familiar array of de-partment stores, clothing and shoe shops. This centre will sell the products which those shops cannot sell — ends of ranges, last year's fashions, colours which proved unpopu-lar, odd sizes — at bargain

prices. The "Great Western designer outlet village" has been named in honour of Brunel's Great Western Railway, which is being flogged off at a knock-down price to a public conditioned to expect a bargain. It is part of what has been christened the Church-

manufacturing decline had it buildings in Street, Somerset. The idea of a US-style shop-ping mall is familiar in the been maintained throughout The legacy of Brunel and Churchward has been empty for 10 years since the site UK, after the rash of regional centres like Gateshead's Metro Centre, Lakeside at

finally closed. A few bits of Thurrock and Sheffield's machinery lie here and there in the windswept shells of the Meadowhall. But the idea of malls dealing dusty buildings where, until this week, only ratiling shut-ters disturbed the pigeons. in what are effectively "sale" goods is harder to grasp, and made more difficult by their The site was bought in 1987 description as "factory outlet by Tarmac, which expected to make a quick profit with a centres", with its connotation of factory shops cutting out classic piece of 1980s' oppor-tunism. But it was too late to the middleman. Most of the names in these

cash in on the redevelopment places, from Ralph Lauren to boom, and Grade II listing of the industrial buildings has since complicated the task of Benetton, are familiar from the high street, not the indus trial estate. Typically sited finding an alternative. Now a near motorway junctions, out let centres lure people to make an average 35-mile journey ioint venture between US developer McArthur Glen and airports operator BAA will transform it within a year into with the promise of knock-down prices on brand names ranging from Nike and Levi's to Liz Claiborne and Jaeger. BAA McArthur Glen chief executive Joey Kaempfer says

prices are supposed, on aver-

e, to be 30 per cent belo

those in the high street. Of

son lines. It's a real saving to the customer without affect-ing our prime selling time." There is one fly in the economic oiniment — the equa-tion for developers. Retailers expect to pay less rent for a shop where they are selling at lower prices. Which means that the sites' developers and managers cannot afford to spend as much as at a conven tional shopping centre.

That has led to the concept That has led to the concept attracting a tacky image in the US, although Mr Kaempfer says the square is circled partly by having a low fixed rental, with BAA McArthur Gien taking a share of shops' turnover. That is the model BAA uses in its airport patall BAA uses in its airport retail mails, and why the company was interested in extending its retail management experi-ence in this way.

But Swindon's centre is about more than shopping. It is part of "Heritage Britain". Outlet centres offer not just a place to buy a new dress or a

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alternative to the theme park or the stately home. Clarks Village, opened by the footwear manufacturer at Street in Somerset, includes a shoe museum and has become a top tourist attraction.

The Great Western village will be littered with railway memorabilia and, National Lottery Heritage Fund permit-ting, the site will also include what Thamesdown council's leisure officer John Fisher describes as "a ground-breaking heritage centre". In other words, a railway museum recreating the scale, noise and

smell of the works, using "state-of-the-art display and interactive techniques". This kind of approach helps to persuade local authorities hat a centre will not merely compete with existing

retailers, but will bring new shoppers into the area. That doesn't mean everyone is happy, however. Despite asertions that Cheshire Oaks has brought new business to

ecstatic. Bob Clough-Parker, secretary of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, says: "It is to be welcomed if it means that people visit as part of a broader stay in Chester.

His emphasis on the *y* be-trays his doubts. "They are setting out their stall to be a visitor tourist attraction. That represents a threat to a city centre even as economically buoyant as Chester. It means livelihoods, jobs and businesses are on the line." At Swindon, council leader Sue Bates does not believe the Great Western village will take business away from the town centre. "It will complement the town centre. I see it

as attracting day traffic." Of course, it will help to overcome the dereliction of the huge site, as well as bring-ing jobs — 400 while construction is under way, 700 when open next year. That is a far cry from the 14,000 who once made trains here, but it is bet-ter than nothing. And, who

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might come by train.

How GWR hit the buffers

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HE Great Western Rail-way directors decided in 1840 to build "the greatest locomotive works in the world" at Swindon, which became the hub of the GWR. Construction of the first engine, The Great Western, began in 1846 and in 1868 a carriage and wagon works was added. Eventually the 140-acre site encompa the manufacture of everything railways. One shop made artificial limbs for workers who lost arms and less in terrible conditions. A small market town was transformed, an indigenous population of 2,000 dwarfed by employees in the new town, for whom the firm built housing.

When the works opened it employed 1,500 people nore than twice as many a

would find jobs in the Great

Western Village. By the

quarter of Swindon's

produced each year.

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first world war, employ-ment had reached 14.000, a

At its peak, in the 1930s.

repaired 10 times that num

ber; 4,000 new wagons were

The end of steam marked the beginning of the decline. The last steam locomotive.

Evening Star, was "out-shopped" in 1960 and a cou-

ple of years later the car-

riage and wagon works were closed. Output

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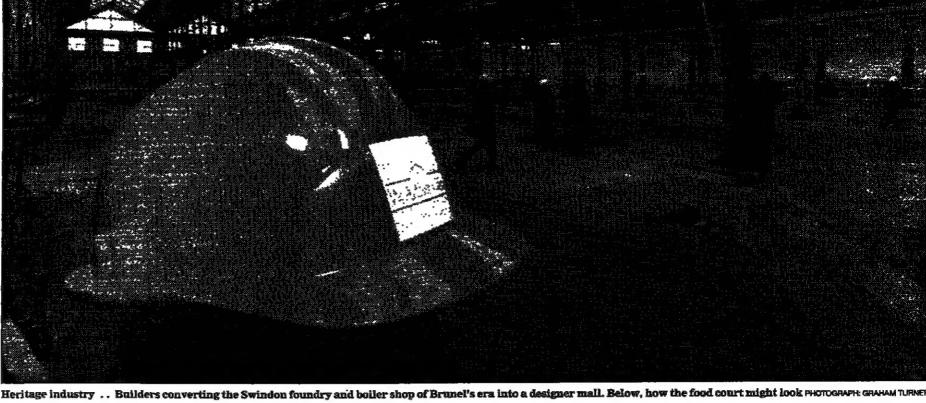
Swindon, by Tim Bryan, pub

was abandoned in 1986.

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the works rolled out two new engines a week and



mans and the Japanese respe tively. The British invest in shops.

There is a new indoor man ket at one end of town, a dowdy shopping precinct has been given a facelift and the town's main shopping centre - named after Isambard King dom Brunel - has been expanded and upgraded. The railway sheds, where

George Jackson Churchward was the locomotive, car riage and wagon superinten-dent of the GWR early this century. He is credited with the heavy investment in lathes, milling, drilling and other machinery which made the works such a success --the kind of investment which might have stemmed Britain's

vard redevelopment.

catching on fast in the UK. **BAA McArthur Glen opened** its first centre. Cheshire Oaks, outside Chester last spring. It plans more, at Mansfield, then Bridgend and possihly York and two in Scotland. Other developers have opened centres at Bicester, Hornsea on Humberside. Fleetwood and Doncaster, and Clarks has used redundant shoe factory

an "outlet centre".

This is an American con-

cept and, like the notion of

elf-service supermarket

shopping in the 1950s, it is

For retailers, outlet centres provide a way of getting rid of unsold stock without compromising the business of the main chains in the kind of permanent sale of the late 1980s. Mr Kaempfer says: "Prime locations are just too expensive not to be selling at prime prices most of the time." A key element of the recovery strategy of Burton Group has been to increase the number of weeks which its shops sell at prime prices. Using shops in outlet centres helps. Richard Maney, manag ing director of Burton's Principles chain explains: "They serve a distinct purpose in allowing us to sell end of sea-

e heart of Ches where to go for the day — an tre businesses are less than

course, that is not 30 per cen below what the same products would go for in the sales.

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K E HAVE all seen them, the foot-stomp-ing toddlers who sim-ply have to have that bottle of Fireman Sam bubble bath or the bag of crisps loudly promising a Tazo. But this is just the type of

behaviour to set the pulse of advertisers racing. Indeed. there is a fair chance that cam eras hidden by leading advertising agencies will have captured you capitulating to the aisle-by-aisle blackmail which is such a routine part of the Saturday morning shop. Far from the discussions which are underway or have taken place on the Continent about the ethics of advertising to children. British promoter: relish getting stuck in to this potentially huge market. Advertising agency J Wal-ter Thompson this month devotes its entire Vantage magazine to the tapping of the kids' market. Pocket money may average only £2.70 a week, but with presents and earnings

of £1 6 billion a year.

Far more potently, how-

ever, JWT anotes the Henley

ing recall, it is little wonder so many parents are held to ran-som. Five commercial satellite stations offer almost totally child-orientated pro-gramming. And the advertise ment-driven ITV is reckoned to capture two-thirds of the child audience Worse still, it is estimated that a majority of child viewing is unaccompanied by an adult and that an (almost incredible) 77 per cent of young sters have their own TV set. Evidence suggests that 90 per cent of all child adver-tising — about £75 million a year — is spent on TV. But there is hope for all those in

luence over anothe

£8.4 billion, so that all in all a

stunning £10 billion a year is spent more or less at the be-hest of youngsters.

If you accept GMTV's prop-osition that children of just

and that they are three times better than adults at advertis-

two and three watch more than 18 hours of TV a week

charge of the impressionable ITV recorded a 10 per cent drop in young people's view-ing last year. Possibly it was the competition from satellite cable and CD-Rom, or the change in the way audience figures are collated. Hopefully, though, JWT has hit the right button with its prime suggestion: TV lost out to the long hot summer with its promise of traditional fun children are estimated to have such as the park, paddling a collective disposable income pool and playhouse. Kids as-serted themselves and got

plenty of airtime — but there

were no advertisers in sight.

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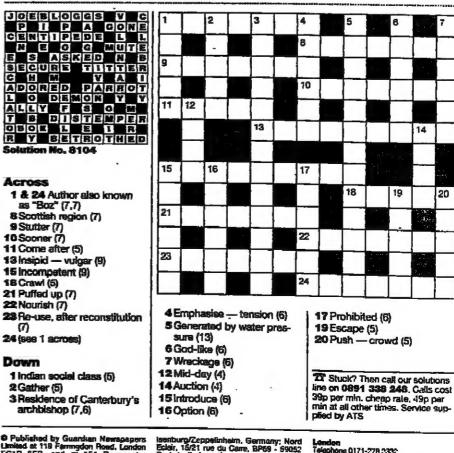
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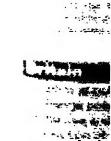
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